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Jay Leno returned to the McDonald's on North Main Street where he worked growing up in Andover to tape a "60 Minutes" piece in advance of his upcoming retirement from "The Tonight Show." Leno's first job as a teenager was at that McDonald's.

'Tonight Show' host at McDonald's

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The telephone calls from producers of "60 Minutes" started last week. Favorite hometown son and longtime "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is retiring, and the famed TV show is planning a farewell segment. And Leno was set to come for a lengthy interview this past Saturday. "I didn't get much notice, but

when '60 Minutes' called and said Jay Leno was coming, it was pretty exciting to hear," said Carissa Haley, who owns and operates the McDonald's restaurant on North Main Street in Andover. Leno once worked there and says he got his start in comedy making his co-workers laugh. Leno, along with a "60 Minutes" crew, including co-host Steve Kroft and a cameraman, arrived about 10:30 a.m. and stayed for more than an hour, Haley said. Leno didn't eat

anything. Instead he got right to work manning the restaurant's drive-through window. "He was great. ... He took orders and was at the window," said Haley, who has a voice recording of his impromptu stint at the drive-through window. "Yes, customers were shocked to see him at the window." For Leno, 63, it was a moment relieved from his youth. McDonald's gave the 1968 Andover High School graduate his first job as a teen.

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Toxic sludge case costs top \$1.1M

Water customers, taxpayers will foot payout, legal fees

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■ Phillips Academy retains rights in sludge case. Page 3.

The three-year fight between the town and a Bancroft Road resident over the dumping of toxic sludge into wetlands on his property may be over, but Andover's water users — and taxpayers — are left footing the bill. Between legal fees, engineering expenses and a \$450,000 payout to James Berberian of 2-4 Bancroft Road, the town will have spent \$1.1 million since 2011 on the case. Town officials remain mum on the controversy, and neither Berberian nor his lawyer have been available for comment since the settlement was inked last month. The case started in November 2010 when Berberian saw dark, mucky water flowing out of a drain pipe and into a wetland at the corner of his

property. He videotaped it and found that the water was drained from an underground storage tank near the Bancroft School by Water Department employees. The muck that ended up flowing into the wetland was from sludge that had accumulated on the bottom of the 6 million-gallon tank over the years. Later, it was determined that the sludge contained heavy metals, including arsenic. When Berberian asked the town about the spill, it was only partially cleaned up, he has said. As a result, he sued in U.S. District Court under the federal Clean Water Act to have the rest of the wetland cleaned up.

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182 students facing redistricting

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elementary school zones as part of the upcoming opening of the new, expanded Bancroft Elementary School, which will have capacity for 680 students.

A total of 182 elementary students living on 60 streets in town stand to be transferred to new schools under a redistricting proposal in fall 2015. Those students are in addition to the youngsters who will be relocated with the eventual closure of Shawshen School. However, school officials announced last week that Shawshen will remain a choice school for preschoolers through second-graders for an additional year. See related story, page 5. The School Committee's subcommittee on redistricting presented its latest plan to the full committee last Thursday. It reflects the shuffling of students between

Under the redistricting plan, 113 students from West Elementary School and another 36 students from South Elementary would move to the new Bancroft. In addition, 29 High Plain students would be transferred to Sanborn, while four would move from West to High Plain. The School Committee is now taking public comment before a scheduled Feb. 6 vote on the proposal. School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue said the redistricting was accomplished by breaking the town into zones and adjusting

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Time to play

Community services director retiring after 36 years



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo
Mary Montbleau, the town's director of community services, sits at her desk in the Town Offices on Tuesday. She is preparing to retire in March after 36 years with the department.

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the Christmas program, in every toddler being wheeled around in the Fourth of July Horribles Parade. Some say she will be missed. Others say that's an understatement. "In the back of my mind, I knew at some point she would be retiring," Center at Punchard Director Kathy Urquhart said. "When she told me, it was like, 'No, no, no! It can't be.'" Montbleau, 58, came to Andover in 1977, a cooperative education student from Northeastern University in Boston.

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Two sites eyed for STEAM Studio

Proposed charter school pursues home

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Two multi-story buildings on the north side of Andover closest to Lawrence are being eyed as the potential home for the proposed STEAM Studio charter high school. While the state's decision on whether to award

proposed school has identified properties in Brickstone Square and Old River Road as possible homes. David Birnbach, an Andover School Committee member who is leading the STEAM Studio proposal, announced the two locations in a letter last week to town Planning Director Paul Materazzi that was copied to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. One location is the third floor of 100 Brickstone Square, a multi-story

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Cuff mulls run for selectman's seat

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Kevin Cuff, who ran for state representative last year but lost to the Lawrence candidate, may be running for a seat on the Board of Selectmen.



Kevin Cuff

He is the first candidate to pull papers for selectman since incumbent Mary Lyman announced she would not be seeking re-election to the three-year seat this spring.

He has pulled papers for the open School Committee seat yet before vacated by Chairman Dennis Forgue.

In 2012, Cuff ran as an Independent for the state representative's seat in the 17th District, which represents three precincts in Andover, part of Lawrence and Methuen.

He won the Andover precincts but lost heavily in Lawrence to former City Council President Frank Moran, which caused him to

lose the election. The seat had formerly been held by Republican Paul Adams, also an Andover resident, who ran but lost for state Senate against Barry Finegold, a Democrat. "I've run before, the timing looks good," Cuff said. "This looks pretty good for me." Cuff runs a nonprofit organization, the Professional Risk Managers International Association, comprised of risk-management professionals, mostly in financial services, but also in health care and energy. The organization has almost 100,000 members worldwide. He already serves on the town's Affordable Housing Committee. "I have lived here 20 years, I'm a pretty good citizen, I have run for public office before," he said. "It's not because I was driven on a particular issue, but I am

driven. My academic and professional background lends itself extremely well to this kind of work. I can hit the ground running." He said the main issue in town is skyrocketing property taxes. "Anyone living in Andover has to be concerned with the level of property taxes we pay," he said, adding that the recent push by the Board of Selectmen to collect fees in lieu of taxes from non-profit schools like Phillips Academy, Pike School and Merrimack College would be a good way of increasing revenues for town coffers. "All of this revenue side of the equation in Andover ought to be looked at as closely as possible," he said. "Property taxes will never go down although values have gone down. ... The management of all that I find interesting."

Verdict: Put new fire station on ballfield next to South Elementary

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The current firehouse is 125 years old and was designed to house a horse-drawn steam engine and does not meet current codes or fire apparatus needs, according to the CIP document.

A new fire station in Ballardvale should be built at the corner of Andover and Woburn streets, according to the final recommendation of the Fire Station Building Committee. The final report marks the swan song for the panel, formed in 2008 to study options for replacing the existing, aging station on Andover Street and Clark Road.

"At the end of the day, ... where the ball field is, and after looking at that and other things for five years, we felt that it was the best site," said committee Chairman Dan Casper.

It's not the first time the committee has recommended that location, now occupied by a baseball field which is part of the South Elementary School campus. In fact, it is the main location suggested by the committee for the last couple of years.

The date for that presentation hasn't been set. What happens after that is unknown, according to Stapeczynski.

However, that location has drawn fierce neighborhood opposition, having become the center of heated debate over time. At least one other location has been tried, but failed to work out.

"The selectmen need the presentation," he said. "Then the three of us — the selectmen, me and the building committee — need to have a follow-up conversation or conversations on what we need to do to move this ahead."

"We put out a couple requests for proposals," Casper said. "The only response we ever got was somebody across the street from the ball field, who has since sold the property."

"Now, it gets down to where the priorities are," he said, noting that there are other major projects that need to be addressed in town, including plans to replace or rebuild the Town Yard and a separate project to expand Andover High School.

"We've listened to what anybody and everybody had to say about this," Casper

My mind is not made up on any of that," the town manager said. "We need to have that discussion with the board — an open dialogue with them and the community."

The site is preferred for a number of reasons, according to Casper. "It's within the target areas of two recommended studies," he said. "The land is flat. It doesn't have to be cleared. It was examined for environmental issues and they didn't find any."

Neighborhood opposition has focused on how the station would impact area property values, how noise from the station would disturb the neighboring elementary school and, often emphasized the most loudly, safety concerns with so much foot traffic coming from the school that could interfere with speeding fire vehicles.

The town manager's Capital Improvement Program recommends spending \$1.5 million next year for land acquisition and design of a new Ballardvale station. The current firehouse is 125 years old and was designed to house a horse-drawn steam engine and does not meet current codes or fire apparatus needs, according to the CIP document.

The \$1.5 million would be first phase of a two-phase spending plan. The second phase would be the actual construction of the building, which would likely go into the millions. A 2012 study by the town recommended construction of a 13,000-square-foot building in Ballardvale, but no price tag was attached to it.

At the last town meeting in May 2013, voters rejected a proposal to spend \$500,000 to renovate the existing firehouse. Town officials also opposed that plan, which had been put forward by Ballardvale residents.

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MLK Jr. luncheon to feature HUD general counsel

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Damon Y. Smith

Damon Y. Smith — a member of the Obama Administration and relative of pastor Rev. Lyndon Meyers — will be the keynote speaker at Andover Baptist Church's seventh annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Luncheon on Monday, Jan. 20.

Smith is principal deputy general counsel for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development in Washington, D.C., and has played a role in President Barack Obama's administration since 2008.

Denise Wynn, missions chairwoman at the church, said the event is designed to provide the Merrimack Valley a unified way of honoring the life and legacy of King. It has always been built around "a very dynamic keynote speaker who can really bring the message around Martin Luther King's life and the reason why we're celebrating."

Smith's remarks will be accented by speeches by other members of the congregation, according to Wynn. "We'll have people who

will be speaking to (historic South African leader Nelson) Mandela and others like that in the audience," Wynn said. "That's a way to bring our congregation's others into the celebration."

The program will also feature the uplifting music of the Andover Baptist Church Unity Choir and Eric Lindah with the Chorale Majority.

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Phillips retains legal rights in case

By BILL KIRK
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Phillips Academy — which owns property downstream of James Berberian's tainted wetlands — has been caught in the fray of the toxic sludge case.

According to the agreement reached between Berberian and the town, Phillips retains the right to pursue "personal injury ... or any other claim ... as a downstream property owner."

PA's Head of School John Palfrey issued a statement

last Friday that the school has no intention of pursuing legal action in the case "at this time."

The school had earlier issued a statement to parents, staff and students regarding the controversy, stating that it would continue to monitor the situation closely.

In that statement, Palfrey reported that on Oct. 28, 2013, the campus water was tested for lead, arsenic and other contaminants listed in Berberian's report and "the results were fine."

"We write to assure you

that all tests have confirmed the good quality of PA's drinking water," Palfrey said in his November email to the PA community. "The academy has been working closely with town officials to evaluate our campus' water quality. We have conducted tests of our water as a matter of course, and performed a deeper level of analysis since learning of our neighbor's concern."

In addition to following mandatory water testing protocols, Palfrey said the school has a professional

environmental, health and safety manager on staff who works full-time on such issues.

"Ensuring the health and safety of our students and adult community remain our highest priorities," he said. "We will continue to monitor the situation with care in the months and years to come."

It is not known if soil tests have been conducted in the wetlands on Phillips' property, adjacent to the entrance to the school's hockey rink. That area would have been potentially affected by the sludge disposal.

BERBERIAN: Legal, other costs top \$1.1M

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On Dec. 26, the town and Berberian signed an agreement reached after months of negotiations, depositions, executive session meetings and even a Fox-25 TV news report. The agreement was released to The Andover Townsman last week.

As it stands, the agreement calls for the town of Andover to pay Berberian \$450,000 — a cost being borne by water ratepayers, Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski said Pennoni Associates, an engineering firm that did work for the town, is scheduled to pay Berberian an additional \$50,000.

Not all of the money goes immediately to Berberian, however. The Bancroft Road resident remains embroiled in a dispute with another attorney over work done on the case. As such, some \$253,000 of the \$500,000 will be placed in an interest-bearing escrow fund until that dispute can be ironed out.

The town's \$450,000 share of the settlement will come out of the Water Department's reserve, or surplus account. There is currently \$2.9 million in the water reserve account, which is generally used for infrastructure upgrades, Stapczynski said.

But that's not the only cost related to the case that will hit ratepayers.

According to a breakdown of town costs provided by Stapczynski as the result of a Freedom of Information request made by the Andover Townsman in November, the Department of Public Works spent \$322,065 on the case from fiscal year 2011 to fiscal year 2014.

The DPW spent about \$6,000 in 2011, \$88,000 in 2012, \$191,000 in 2013 and \$37,000 this year. Those funds, Stapczynski said, were drawn from the water surplus account.

Stapczynski said the town attempts to keep about 20 percent of the total water budget in the reserve account, which would come to \$1.35 million. The account is currently well above that as the town is working to beef up the reserve fund so it can pay for repairs on the water system without having to borrow money.

Taxpayers, meanwhile, have been hit with the legal costs in the case, amounting to about \$336,500 over a three-year period. The

town paid its regular law firm, Urbelis and Fieldsteel, about \$116,000 over the three years and outside counsel, Sherin & Lodgen, \$220,000 from 2012 to 2014.

Stapczynski said the money for legal fees came out of the legal department budget, which generally runs around \$450,000 a year. He said if there is a shortfall, he would have to go back to Town Meeting for additional funds or transfer money from another department.

Selectman Dan Kowalski, however, has argued all of the costs should be paid for out of the Water Department.

"Other funds have been expended outside of water to pay legal fees and I think the board needs to discuss and determine if fees that have already been paid should be refunded from water reserves," he said. "If we are looking for the Water Department to be a self-sufficient fund, you'd expect all expenses associated with water funds to come out of that."

Currently, Andover residents are charged about \$3 per 100 cubic feet of water used, with the average annual water bill coming in at less than \$360. Andover's water rate is among the lowest in the state.

Stapczynski said he didn't think the settlement and other costs would have a significant impact on the water reserve fund or the town budget.

The agreement between Berberian and the town still needs approval from the U.S. District Court judge in the case as well as the Environmental Protection Agency. Tom Urbelis, general counsel for Andover, said he did not know when the court or the EPA would rule on the document.

Under the agreement, Berberian and the town state they will not pursue further legal action against each other. Berberian has also agreed not to challenge the results of a state review of an engineering report on the cleanup.



Andover native Jay Leno, center, talks to "60 Minutes" reporter Steve Kroft, right, and John "Jay" Munro, left, at McDonald's on North Main Street in Andover. Leno and Munro worked together at McDonald's and both won a talent show sponsored by the fast-food chain. Kroft and "60 Minutes" are doing a story on Leno, who is hosting his final "Tonight Show" on Feb. 6.

Courtesy photo

LENO: Great memories of growing up in Andover

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His childhood home on Clark Road in Ballardvale is long gone — bulldozed for a nearby large housing development — and his parents, Catherine and Angelo Leno, and only brother, Patrick Leno, are deceased.

But Leno clearly has great memories of growing up in Andover. Childhood friend John Munro of North Andover met Leno at McDonald's on Saturday

and shared fond memories as the two worked the counter.

"Jay was always very, very funny ... we had a good time working at McDonald's, if you can believe that," Munro said. "We had a good time telling stories. Steve Kroft seemed really interested in hearing them."

It was Leno who called Munro about meeting up at McDonald's, but it was "60 Minutes" that called Phillips Academy looking for an interview space.

Leno went to Phillips Academy after his visit to McDonald's.

PA spokesman Steve Porter said producers asked for space for last Saturday. "So, we had them use a conference room in Draper Hall," Porter said.

No date has been announced for the "60 Minutes" piece to air.

Leno's last show is scheduled for Feb. 6, with Jimmy Fallon scheduled to take over "The Tonight Show."

Bill Burt contributed to this story.

TOWN BRIEFS

Finegold to hold monthly office hours Jan. 24

Sen. Barry Finegold and staff will hold open office hours on Friday, Jan. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Constituents are invited to meet with him in the library's first-floor activities room. Finegold will also be having office hours that day at Lawrence Public Library, 51 Lawrence St., from 10 to 11 a.m.; Parker Memorial Library in Dracut, 28 Arlington St., from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St., from 3 to 4 p.m.

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September 2, 1957 — January 8, 2014

METHUEN, FORMERLY OF ANDOVER — Margaret "Meg" Bartow Batcheller, 56, of Methuen, MA, formerly of Andover, beloved wife of Burt Batcheller and mother of Alec Batcheller, died on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.



She was born in Ithaca, NY, raised in Andover, and moved to Methuen in 1986 when Burt and Meg were married. Meg is the daughter of Leslie Bartow and the late Mary Terry Bartow. Meg was a graduate of Andover High School, class of 1975, and Keuka College where, in 1979, she received her BS in Education. She was employed by the Town of Andover's Community Services Department for the past 17 years. Previously, she supervised the Management Development Department for Wang Laboratories for 12 years.

band, Burton Batcheller; son, Alec Batcheller; father, Leslie Bartow; brother, Terry Bartow and wife, Sandy, of St. Augustine, Florida; sister, Pamela Bartow Carasso and husband, Sandro, of Milan, Italy; mother-in-law, Edith Batcheller and many nieces and nephews.

Meg shared hobbies with her family and many friends including gardening, decorating and cooking. She loved to travel and spent many vacations throughout the U.S. and abroad. She loved spending time with family and friends visiting the lakes and rivers of New England and the rocky coast of Maine. When Alec was young, Meg was the room mother, basketball coach and basketball travel team mom for him. Recently, Meg volunteered at St. Augustine's School in Andover and at the Festival of Trees in Methuen. Meg is survived by her husband, Burton Batcheller;

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. Relatives and friends were welcomed. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover on Friday, January 10, 2014, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be private. Donations in Meg's memory may be made to the Alec Batcheller Education Fund, c/o Century Bank, 15 Elm St., Andover, MA 01810. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Anita Olsen, 59

July 17, 1954 — January 9, 2014

SPRINGFIELD, ME — Anita Marie (Smith) Olsen, 59, died January 9, at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, ME surrounded by her husband and children.

the American Legion in Exeter, NH.

Born July 17, 1954, in Everett, MA where she grew up and later moved to Amesbury, MA, Newton, Stratham, and Seabrook, NH, recently moving to Springfield, ME with her husband, Ron, in retirement.

Anita will be remembered as a caring, generous person who was a beloved member of the VFW in Amesbury and

There are no services planned at this time.

ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements are under the care of Clay Funeral Homes, 207-794-2941, 7 Lee Road, Lincoln, ME.

Mrs. Thomasine E. (Brucato) Runge, 73 Years

November 25, 1940 — January 9, 2014

ANDOVER — Mrs. Thomasine E. (Brucato) Runge, 73, a resident of Andover, and beloved wife of Wallace E. Runge, died surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday evening, January 9, 2014.



Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on November 25, 1940, she was the beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Edna (Henkel) Brucato. Mrs. Runge was a graduate of Andover High School and the American Bible College. She was a longtime member of the Free Christian Church in Andover, where she had served as Deaconess. She was employed by the Town of Andover for 47 years.

ter of the late Lawrence Brucato.

Besides her beloved husband of 53 years, Wallace, she will be very sorely missed by her loving daughters, Stephanie and her partner, Nasser, Dustine, and her husband William, and Kirsta and her husband, Stephen; siblings, Jeffrey, Peter, Gregory, Jamie, Deidra, and Tammy; grandchildren, Andrew, Tyler and Thomasine "Siney"; and many nieces and nephews. She was also the loving mother of the late Kordel L. Runge, and sis-

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral service was celebrated in the Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover, on Wednesday, January 15, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends were welcomed. Calling hours were omitted. Interment will be held in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Thomasine's memory may be made to www.mscca.org, or www.stopsarcoidosis.org.

For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

Margaret Mary O'Brien, 83

September 18, 1930 — December 24, 2013

WASHINGTON, DC — On Tuesday, December 24, 2013, Margaret Mary O'Brien of Washington, DC and formerly a lifelong resident of Boston, MA. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Edward O'Brien. Loving mother of Elaine Marie O'Brien, Kathleen Noel Wolf (Mark) and the late Dawn Margaret O'Brien. Sister of the late Charles and Joseph Arundel. She is also survived

by her dear grandchildren, Sonja Rivera and Cassidy, Mia and Cleo Wolf.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Memorial Mass will be offered on Friday, January 17, 2014, at noon at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 4001 Yuma St., N.W., Washington, DC 20016. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to The Child Fund International at www.childfund.org. Online condolences may be made at www.rappfuneral.com.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

Accidents lead to cars hitting buildings

Cars involved in two separate crashes in town over the weekend ended up hitting buildings, one a business and the other a home.

The first accident involving a car hitting a building was reported on North Main Street at 5:43 a.m. Friday. In that accident, a 79-year-old driver started to have "a medical episode" and triggered an accident, according to Police Lt. Edward Guy.

After the accident, the car continued "across several lawns and ended up coming to rest at (John Anton's Fabricare)," Guy said. Drivers of two vehicles involved, including the 79-year-old individual, were taken to an area hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Damage to the building was minor.

Then, at 9 p.m. Saturday, a 40-year-old woman from Methuen was driving on Carriage Road when thick fog impaired her ability to see ahead of her, causing her to cut across Dascomb Road and up onto residential property, according to Guy.

"The operator of the motor vehicle was unable to apparently judge where Carriage Road ended, and ended up going through the stop sign and across Dascomb Road, knocked over a section of fence and continued straight, crashing into the front door of 120 Dascomb Road," Guy said.

The driver of the car then left the scene on foot, but she was found a short time later. She "is going to be summonsed for leaving the scene of an accident with property damage," Guy said.

The damage to the property

was mainly in the form of a fence that was knocked down, according to Guy.

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The following items were recorded in Andover police logs from Monday, Jan. 6 to Sunday, Jan. 12:

ARRESTS

Monday, Jan. 6 — At 1:43 p.m., Joseph St. Laurent, 33, of 172 Pleasant St., Methuen, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation and on five warrants for six separate charges.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 — At 11:12 a.m., Brandon Wanthal, 18, of 56 Wildwood Road, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a warrant.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 — At 9:55 p.m., Linda Dionne, 52, of 266 Andover St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a warrant.

Friday, Jan. 10 — At 5:47 p.m., Amy Hannula, 24, of 20 Post Office Ave., Andover, was arrested at her home and charged on a warrant.

Sunday, Jan. 12 — At 1:54 a.m., Thomas Brunton, 25, of 56 Whittier St., Andover, was arrested on Park Street and charged with a stop sign violation, failing to use a turn signal and operating under the influence of liquor.

THEFTS

Monday, Jan. 6 — At 10:18 a.m., a theft was reported at a store on Main Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 — At 4:25 a.m., police were called to a car on River Road that had four milk crates around it. They found that the wheels were partially removed, each held on by one single locking lug nut. The owner of the vehicle, who was in Florida, was contacted.

Thursday, Jan. 9 — At 7:58

a.m., a theft from a vehicle was reported on River Road.

Saturday, Jan. 11 — At 11:49 a.m., a wallet was reported stolen on Lowell Street.

INCIDENTS

Friday, Jan. 10 — At 8:12 p.m., police were called to Cloverfield Drive after a homeowner reported "someone may be in the house with her. She hears music playing outside of her bedroom." Police at the scene determined "it was a clock radio in one of the bedrooms that had gone off."

Sunday, Jan. 12 — At 10:35 a.m., an assault was reported on Andover Street.

At 3:40 p.m., police were called to Farrwood Drive after a 911 caller believed "there was a man with a gun in the area." Police at the scene found "a father and son playing with Air Soft" guns.

ACCIDENTS

Monday, Jan. 6 — At 1:49 a.m., an accident involving a truck that crashed into a house due to icy conditions was reported on Essex Street. The truck was towed from the scene, and National Grid was called out to handle downed utility lines.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 — At 5:06 p.m., police were called to an accident on Route 125 in the area of Gould and Wildwood roads, where a caller reported "a deer ran out in front of him, causing damage to the front of the vehicle." With the deer in the middle of the road, it then "caused a three-car crash going northbound."

Thursday, Jan. 9 — At 6:13 a.m., a two-vehicle crash, involving two tractor-trailers, was reported on Ballardvale Street.

At 12:22 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Red Spring Road.

At 2:44 p.m., a two-car crash requiring one car to be towed was reported on Lowell Street.

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MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Mary Montbleau, the town's director of community services, reflects on 36 years with the department as she prepares to retire in March.

MONTBLEAU: Retirement from DCS for implementer of town traditions

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"They had an acting (community services) director and one of the program coordinators had left. While they were filling one of the positions, I got to come and fill the other," she said.

"I worked my way into the job," she said. "I was in the right place at the right time."

Montbleau worked as recreation coordinator for the initial years before being named the department's director close to 20 years ago.

A lot has changed in 36 years, she said. One thing that has remained constant, however, is DCS' mission: developing and running programs not reliant on technology, video games or the countless other distractions dominating today's WiFi-centric culture.

But at the same time, DCS has also changed drastically within that world, according to Montbleau.

"We used to do a lot of phone calling. Now, we're emailing people," she said. "We have to find different ways to get out to the public. ... There will always be that issue of making sure you're current, because maybe we're not on the top priority list of where people are."

The department has grown, nonetheless.

"We're seeing more and more children every year," she said. "We're still touching people's lives and families' lives, and through the town programs, that has been a wonderful way to interact with the community."

Sometimes, that opportunity to interact was pivotal. Take, for example, the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

"When 9/11 happened, we saw many people come

back to the town programs because they felt it was very important to connect with people," she said.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski described Montbleau as a "very respected leader in the recreational community statewide."

"She embodies community," he said. "Whether it's the yard sale in The Park or continuing the Horribles Parade — now they've handed it to the firefighter's association, but she kept that alive."

One of the biggest emblems of Montbleau's impact around town is "the mitten tree," according to Urquhart. The trees appear around town buildings every holiday season begging for mittens, winter hats and more for donation to those in need.

"A lot of the participants here (in the Senior Center) will knit hats and scarves and donate them," Urquhart said. "There have been a lot of little rituals on different levels, which I'm sure DCS will continue. But in my mind, I see Mary come over with the box, and I know it's time for the mitten tree."

Montbleau has been "key in implementing a lot of the traditions that everybody takes for granted," Urquhart said. "I'm sure new things will spring up and some of the old ones will stay, but Mary won't be here. ... It will be different."

Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey said his favorite memory of Montbleau comes from the Special Town Meeting in 2011 when the new youth center won the support of voters.

"Mary had a big smile on her face, and she said, 'You did it,'" Fahey said. "That smile, and that support, will

always be in my heart."

Fahey also credits Montbleau with supporting the creation of his Youth Services Department, which was born under DCS to meet the needs of older kids in town.

"My first day in the office, ... she said, 'We don't have much room in the office, but whatever you need, we'll help fully,'" Fahey said.

What happens next for the department hasn't been determined, according to Stapczynski.

Though Montbleau said she formalized her plans to retire six months ago, Stapczynski said there are currently no definitive plans to fill her position once she leaves. Montbleau made \$92,000 a year as director of DCS.

"I'm still looking at all of the options available," he said. "I'll be working on that over the course of the next couple months. We'll do our usual thoughtful job of moving ahead. We have some opportunities. We'll be looking into it."

Montbleau, who was a resident of Andover for more than 20 years, now lives in Pelham, N.H., with her husband, Bob Montbleau. She has one son, Michael Donohue, who graduated from Andover High School.

There is no debating that DCS will change as Montbleau herself prepares to make the biggest change yet. On March 3, she will hand over the programming schedule that she's helped to nurture and grow for decades.

"I think it's time for me to say goodbye," she said. "I'm looking forward to some of my own adventures. I'd like to do a little bit of traveling, do some things I've put on the back burner. It's time to do those things."

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Shawsheen kindergarten to stay open another year

BY DUSTIN LUCA
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The School Department has decided to keep kindergartners at Shawsheen School for another year, allaying the fears of parents with young children while also giving others hope that the school may stay open permanently.

At a School Committee meeting last week, Superintendent Marinel McGrath outlined her plans for the choice school, which is due to lose its entire kindergarten through grade two population once a final redistricting plan is implemented in fall 2015.

McGrath said that since Shawsheen will remain open next school year for preschool and grades one and two, it made sense to keep the kindergarten program there in place as well.

But, she said, the following year's kindergartners, along with children in grades one and two, will move on to other schools as called for in the redistricting plan.

Preschoolers will remain at Shawsheen for the foreseeable future.

The one-year reprieve was seen by many as a good sign. Shawsheen parent Megan Fairfield praised the decision because of what it says about the school — even if it is for just a year.

"Honestly, I think it gives the school more of a lifeline," she said. "How can you close

that school if the enrollment numbers keep going up?"

The Shawsheen community is "just enthusiastic to keep the school alive," Fairfield added.

Dena O'Neil has one child entering second grade this fall at Shawsheen, with another enrolling in kindergarten there. She said the two will go through Shawsheen as a pair, and will also transfer together to West Elementary School the following year.

"Now that I've heard they're accepting kindergartners, I'm thrilled," she said. "I'm psyched they can go together."

In fact, there are many parents in the community who are celebrating even the idea of sending students there for one year only, according to O'Neil.

"I've talked to other parents who have kindergartners, who said, 'Definitely, yes, I'd send my kindergartner there, even if it was for one year,'" she said. "It's a wonderful place. It fosters a great sense of community."

Shawsheen parent Cheryl Ott, who has had two daughters go through Shawsheen and currently has a third one there, said her children have "gained confidence, and they were able to stay young for just a little longer in a world that seems to be forcing children to grow up all too fast."

With the promise of one more year of kindergarten, some in the Shawsheen

community are fighting to keep the school open even though the doors are scheduled to close in the summer of 2015.

"I have to say how sad it is that the town is even considering closing such a fabulous school," Ott said. "From the minute you walk in the door, you get the warm, fuzzy feeling that goes with being in a familiar and comfortable place. Everyone you pass greets you, many by name."

"I'm not going to back down," Fairfield said. "I have this bizarre hope or sense. Is there some kind of federal grant or environmental grant that they can do to green the building, to take care of that financial part?"

Shawsheen parent Bryan Boatner, equally concerned about the school's eventual closure, looks further into the future — should the town's population continue to expand.

"There's going to be capacity issues in the future," he said. "You've got a perfectly viable and very efficient, and very effective, school in the Shawsheen School. It's going to be open anyway for preschool, so any overhead to operate the school will already be spent because you're going to need to have it open."

Parents interested in registering their children for 2014-15 kindergarten at Shawsheen School should visit the official School Department website at www.aps1.net.

REDISTRICTING: Target goal is all five primary elementary schools at 93%

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those zones in an effort to have all five primary elementary schools at 93 percent capacity in the end.

The delicate process was aimed at moving "the fewest kids possible, to keep neighborhoods whole, meeting the 93 percent target and being mindful of the middle school assignments as well," committee member Annie Gilbert said.

Mary Lu Walsh, district transportation coordinator, said the biggest change involved the relocation of West Elementary students to Bancroft.

"We moved very few pockets," Walsh said. "I think I'm over by two in High Plain as of now, and there is room in South School and West Elementary. But you also want to keep neighborhoods together, too."

The presentation capped months of work over the course of many meetings and work sessions attended by parents whose children stood to be affected.

Susan McCreedy, co-president of the Sanborn Elementary School PTO, thanked school officials and staff for the work that went into the proposal.

"This has not been an easy process, but I just truly appreciate all the time Annie and Dennis and Mary Lu have put into this," she said. "Taking all of the comments, and repetitive comments, I just want to say thank you very much."

Gilbert said one of her biggest takeaways from the process was how passionate Andover parents are about their schools.

"I'm glad that everybody wanted to stay in their schools because we have six really wonderful school communities," she said. "As hard as the transitions are wherever you're going, there's another great school waiting."

Even then, there was some question of the plan coming to a vote in less than a month.

Laura Putnam, a Newport Circle resident whose daughter is the only one on her street affected

The presentation capped months of work over the course of many meetings and work sessions.

by the changes, also questioned some of the decisions. She said in her zone, three students were moving from High Plain to Sanborn, while another four children elsewhere would be relocated from West Elementary to High Plain.

"(It) doesn't make much sense to me because the numbers are still there," Putnam said.

As news of the plan spread, Gould Road resident Heather Belson expressed her frustration with the delay in implementing the plan.

She said her family bought their home in 2011, with the South Elementary School community being a leading factor in their decision. Now,


her household is among those moving from South to Bancroft. She said she would have preferred to have the plan in place this fall, rather than seeing it delayed until 2015.

"I personally would have preferred for the Band-Aid to be ripped off quicker," Belson said. "It's going to happen anyway, might as well be sooner rather than later."

But Belson was not critical of the redistricting process employed by school officials. "I thought they did an excellent job explaining the process and the rationale behind the decisions that are going to be ultimately made," she said. "As soon as I heard about the redistricting and I attended the first meeting, it was pretty clear."

To provide comment on the redistricting plan, email redistricting@aps1.net. For more information, including documents and maps, visit www.aps1.net and hit the "Elementary Redistricting Public Comment Now Open" link on the front page.

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STEAM: Architect chosen for school

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building in an office park community off Haverhill Street (Route 133) in Andover.

The other site is the second and third floors of River Place at 1-93 on Old River Road.

Birnbach said in the letter his team will be starting negotiations with the building owners and intends to select one of the sites for the school, which, if approved, would open in August.

When reached last week, Birnbach said the charter school's proponents are "not in a position to comment because we don't know how (negotiations are) going to play out."

In the letter, he said he wants to coordinate efforts to "ensure that we follow the proper protocols and steps to ensure that both locations adhere to the Planning Department's rules and regulations for a school," including building codes and other site requirements. He said he

will also be reaching out to the Police and Fire Departments to meet all safety requirements.

The letter also identifies David Stephen of New Vista Designs based in Boston as STEAM Studio's architect and designer.

According to New Vista Designs' website, Stephen played a critical role in leading the design of San Diego-based High Tech High charter school system in California. He served as the charter program's curriculum coordinator from 2000 to 2002 and director of design from 2002 to 2006.

Brian Tisbert of Jones Lang LaSalle in Boston is listed as STEAM Studio's real estate advisor.

STEAM Studio is one of about a half-dozen schools seeking a public charter from the state. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is expected to make a decision on the applications by the end of

February.

According to the proposal, STEAM Studio would be built around STEM education — with a focus on science, technology, engineering and math, plus an added concentration on digital arts and design.

If awarded its charter, the school would open at the end of August with 100 to 115 freshmen from the area, although the majority of students are expected to come from Andover. The school population would continue to grow annually with the addition of a new freshmen class every year for the next three years, with total enrollment ultimately anticipated at a maximum of 450 students.

STEAM Studio has encountered some strong opposition from Andover Public Schools officials and some in the community, who have questioned the need for it. Others in town have argued the charter school would fill a gap in STEM education they say currently exists in town.

Birnbach, criticized for dual role, misses meetings

BY DUSTIN LUCA
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Despite saying he is committed to his role on the School Committee, member David Birnbach — one of the lead agents behind the STEAM Studio charter high school proposal — has missed the last two regular, evening meetings of the committee that oversees the town's public schools.

The last regular meeting Birnbach attended in November ended in a heated exchange over his role on the School Committee alongside the ongoing charter school effort.

Birnbach said travel obligations for work have kept him away from the last two meetings.

He Birnbach said this week he remains committed to his elected duty and vowed to attend the committee's next regular evening meeting in February.

At the November meeting, committee members offered concerns over what they perceived as Birnbach's conflict of

interest.

Committee member Barbara L'Italien said she believed "it would be in (Birnbach's) best interest, as he pursues this charter school application, and ours, that he strongly consider resigning from the School Committee."

Since then, Birnbach has attended a tri-board meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee on Dec. 9. He also attended a Dec. 12 committee workshop. But he has missed the board's only two regular evening meetings since November, held on Dec. 5 and Jan. 9.

But Birnbach said he will continue operating in both capacities — as a School Committee member and charter school proponent.

"I'm dual-threaded that way," he said. "I feel these are really important initiatives for all students in Andover, not just students that are interested in STEAM Studio."

He has said, however, that if STEAM Studio receives its charter and he is named its

executive director, he would step down from the School Committee at that time.

Birnbach, meanwhile, said he plans on reintroducing some past initiatives for STEM education at the high school — even when his charter school proposal offers the same concepts.

Last year, Birnbach proposed earmarking funds for developing a Center for Technology and Engineering at the high school. The proposal did not win his committee's support and didn't move forward in budget talks. He expects to bring up the ideas again at next month's School Committee meeting.

"In today's world, courses in the fields of engineering and computing are more important than ever," he said. "I've been very consistent over the last three years for advocating for more initiatives, investments centered around engineering and technology fields. Unfortunately, they haven't been supported by the School Committee in the past. However, that doesn't change my convictions."

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A preview flight for 'Peter Pan'

Acting Out! offers musical glimpse at Memorial Hall Library

Acting Out! Theater Company gave some young audience-goers a sneak preview of its upcoming production of "Peter Pan — The Musical!" on a visit to Memorial Hall Library in Andover this week.

Cast members dressed as Wendy, Peter, Tinkerbell and, of course, Captain Hook read the story of "Peter Pan" and then performed a few scenes in the after-school program on Monday afternoon.

The production is slated to take the stage Friday, Feb. 7, through Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover.

For reservations or information, call 978-807-1191 or visit www.actinguitheater.com.



Peter Pan engages the children as he shares a story with them.

Photos by Mary Schwalm



Maya Graham, 3, reaches up for Captain Hook's hook during the story time.



With Peter Pan looking on, Wendy delights her young audience.



Mia Nash, 2, turns away and holds on to her mother as Captain Hook looms in the background during the story hour.

Wendy and her brothers — characters from Acting Out's upcoming production of "Peter Pan — The Musical" — prepare to read books to the children.



Daniel Lin, 5, listens intently as Peter Pan reads from a pop-up book at Memorial Hall Library.

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Opinion

A GREAT WAY TO START THE WEEK

When trouble strikes, Patrick evades and deflects

An independent review of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families is needed and welcome.

But it is troubling that, in the lead-up to the announcement of the investigation, Gov. Deval Patrick spent more time defending the malfunctioning agency than demanding answers for the disappearance of a 5-year-old boy.

"I think it's important not to jump to conclusions," Patrick, speaking of the social workers in the agency, told reporters. "They have an enormously difficult job. They perform miracles every day, hundreds and hundreds of miracles that don't get the attention of all of you here, but do earn, I believe, the respect of the public, certainly of mine."

But something went terribly wrong at the DCF in the case of young Jeremiah Oliver of Fitchburg, whose family had been under agency supervision. The 5-year-old is missing and presumed dead. Extended family members say they have not seen the boy since September yet police have only recently been informed that he is missing. The boy's mother, Elsa Oliver, and her boyfriend, Alberto Sierra Jr., have been arrested and have pleaded not guilty to child endangerment, abuse and other charges.

The DCF last had contact with the boy in May 2013.

An internal investigation found that the social worker assigned to the case failed to make routine monthly visits or follow up on several reports of abuse and that a supervisor covered up those failings.

The social worker, the supervisor and an area manager were fired. A fourth employee was suspended.

The governor and the agency have been pushing the notion that this was an isolated failing, rather than a systemic problem at DCF.

But state Sen. Michael Barrett, D-Lexington, was having none of it. Barrett is co-chairman of the Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities Committee.

"The situation cries out for truth-telling, self-examination and possibly self-criticism. It's becoming harder to suppose we're dealing with just a few bad apples rather than a systemic problem," Barrett said in a statement reported by the State House News Service. "During hard times, have all the key decision-makers protected DCF's capacity to do its job?"

Patrick has been under mounting pressure for an independent investigation of the DCF and he has announced that a review will be conducted by the Child Welfare League of America, an organization that advocates for children nationwide.

But Patrick's instincts were also on display as he repeatedly defended the agency, even as the boy remains missing.

"You know, this is not a job for amateurs, right. There are procedures that are in common with, that do or don't reflect best practices around the country. There are judgment calls that social workers have to make every day, and most of them widely successful and not reported on, that happen daily," Patrick told a group of reporters, as the news service reported. "But when something goes wrong, particularly in the life of a child it is deeply concerning to me and to the general public. And so what we've been talking about is whether there isn't some group or agency that is knowledgeable and has some real gravitas and experience in this area that might help us bring a fresh set of eyes. That is what we are trying to sort out."

Patrick's statements and the time he took to call for an independent investigation are telling. They reveal a governor whose instincts are, when trouble strikes, to rally around the bureaucracy and fend off tough questions, rather than demand the answers that will hold public servants accountable and possibly avert future tragedies.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

With the School Committee's redistricting process wrapping up, the future of Shawsheen is still a contentious point. What do you think should happen?

STAY ON COURSE, CLOSE IT NEXT YEAR: The plan from the beginning has been to close Shawsheen — kindergarten through grade two — once the elementary schools are redistricted. That's what voters signed up for.

KEEP IT OPEN FOR THE TIME BEING: Preschool students will still be at the school. Why take kindergarten through grade two out if the building will still be in use? Keep it open until a preschool solution is found.

KEEP IT OPEN IN PERPETUITY: It's a cherished school building that is loved by its students and parents. Closing it at all, even taking preschool students out of it, shouldn't be considered.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked, "The state Supreme Judicial Court has ruled juvenile offenders serving life prison sentences should be offered parole. Do you agree with its decision?" With 84 votes, the answers were:

NO: Juveniles are charged as adults because of the nature of their crimes, and future rehabilitation is considered by prosecutors — 72 votes, 85.71 percent.

YES: Life sentences don't consider a defendant's likelihood of being rehabilitated by serving in prison — 12 votes, 14.29 percent.

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RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Yoga instructor Kerri Johnson leads last Sunday's free yoga class in the downstairs room of The Greater Boston Running Company in downtown Andover. The new, weekly series is proving popular.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep mailboxes, walkways clear for letter carriers

Editor, Townsman:

Yes, the snow is finally here ... and the daily routine of letter carriers puts them on the front lines whenever harsh weather strikes.

Letter carriers can be the first to visit a home before snow removal or salting begins. And they may use stairways, porches or walkways that a family does not frequent during the winter months. That's why the Postal Service reminds residents not to overlook regular upkeep of residential mailboxes as part of any snow and ice removal routine.

Here are a few tips for use with your mailbox that never go out of season:

- Remove obstructions around a mailbox. If you have a mailbox at the road, keep it clear of packed snow. Clearing the mailbox allows letter carriers to deliver mail safely and without delay.

- Painted porches and steps are particularly hazardous. Salting an area or using rubber-backed mats may help make them less slippery.

- A mailbox should display the street name and house number on the side or on the doors of grouped mailboxes so they are visible to the approaching carrier. Add a reflector and house numbers for visibility by your letter carrier, plows, emergency vehicles and others.

- Watch for letter carriers on foot and slow-moving postal vehicles.

- Leave a light on to help illuminate potential hazards on the way to your mailbox.

Help us so we can provide you with excellent service. Make regular upkeep of residential mailboxes a part of your snow and ice removal routine.

MICHAEL SULLIVAN
 Postmaster
 U.S. Postal Service

STEAM Studio not right for Andover

Editor, Townsman:

This letter is in response to the STEAM Studio Charter School proposed for Andover. Like many people, I support the charter school movement, and have done so since I worked in the Sacramento School District in the early

1990s, when the superintendent asked me to create a charter school for the district — a school that continues to thrive to this day. Today, I work with a group in New Orleans developing a proposal for a charter school for early childhood students. I like the idea of competition and innovation, and know that the best charter schools have helped public education improve.

So, though I support charter schools overall, I do not support the STEAM Studio Charter School for two reasons: First, I do not find the proposal particularly innovative or unique. In fact, course offerings would appear to duplicate much of what Andover High School and the Greater Lawrence Technical School now offer. For example, AHS already has science courses such as biotechnology, bioethics and engineering. Further, AHS offers many science courses not proposed by STEAM Studio, including oceanography/marine biology, animal behavior/zooology and astronomy. AHS has been committed to ensuring students acquire 21st century skills for many years, skills such as building understanding across and among core subjects, emphasizing deep understanding rather than shallow knowledge, and engaging students with the real world data, tools and experts they will encounter in college, on the job and in life. STEAM Studio lacks much of what a comprehensive high school provides its students, both in academics and in after-school clubs and athletics. I have to wonder: Did the STEAM Studio folks look at AHS' core mission and course catalogue?

Second, the financial toll on the Andover Public Schools budget would be significant. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website states: "Charter schools are funded by tuition charges assessed against the school districts where the students reside." Tuition could be as high as \$10,000 per student. This could render a serious financial blow to APS, because even if the student population at the high school were reduced, the overall cost of running the

school does not decrease that much. There might be some reduction in class size, but likely not enough to reduce the teaching staff, because even if a class goes from 30 to 25 students, you still need a teacher for that class. The school still needs administrators, secretaries, custodians, guidance counselors, nurses and cafeteria workers. So, the result could be a lot less money to operate the same plant.

CLAUDIA L. BACH, ED.D.
Dr. Claudia Bach is a former superintendent of the Andover Public Schools.

Student Government faces disinterest, not exclusivity

Editor, Townsman:

In recent months, the Andover High School Student Government has faced a series of attacks regarding its legitimacy. Inherent in these attacks were fallacies that must be clarified in order to continue healthy discourse.

The first fallacy is that Student Government does not represent the views of Andover High School students. The reasoning for this statement is that there are relatively few students in Student Government and that not everyone can join Student Government.

To address the issue of our lack of students, our members represent 100 percent of the members who applied. Our application process is meant to separate students who are likely to be committed members from those who aren't likely. Thus far, all of the applicants have been identified as the former. This means that the lack of students is due to a disinterest from the student body and not from exclusivity.

It has also been claimed that Student Government is not an open forum. This is simply false. We hold weekly meetings on Thursday afternoons at 2:15 p.m. that are completely open to the public. Anyone can attend and contribute. Unfortunately, lack of student interest and participation has meant that we've had few outside attendees.

The final misconception that we would like to address is that Student

Government would be more effective if the officials were elected. However, there have been legitimate concerns that such a process would disintegrate into a popularity contest. By maintaining our application process (which is overseen by an adult advisor), we ensure that any committed prospective member is able to join.

It is important to note that we are not contending that Student Government is a perfect entity. We encourage all of our critics to participate in productive criticism by voicing their concerns at our meetings. Continually writing misinformed attacks online only encourages divisiveness.

JASON GROSZ
 Andover High School
 Student Government
 representative

Andover Robotics Club grateful for support

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to thank the opportunity to thank the community for the tremendous support and assistance provided this past weekend. The Andover Robotics Club at Andover High School hosted a regional FTC robotic tournament. Sixteen teams attended from throughout New England, and the town of Andover came out to see robots in motion. Well over 250 people were in attendance, and the support provided by our parents, students, alumni and community volunteers was extraordinary.

I would like to thank our volunteers and everyone who attended. Special kudos to community mentors and returning alumni who helped judge or referee, as well as students and parents who worked nonstop to make this a smooth, enjoyable and rewarding day. Andover should be proud of how much support was provided for our students.

The Andover Robotics Team has two teams that will be competing next Saturday at Arlington High School. Feel free to come on by and cheer us on.

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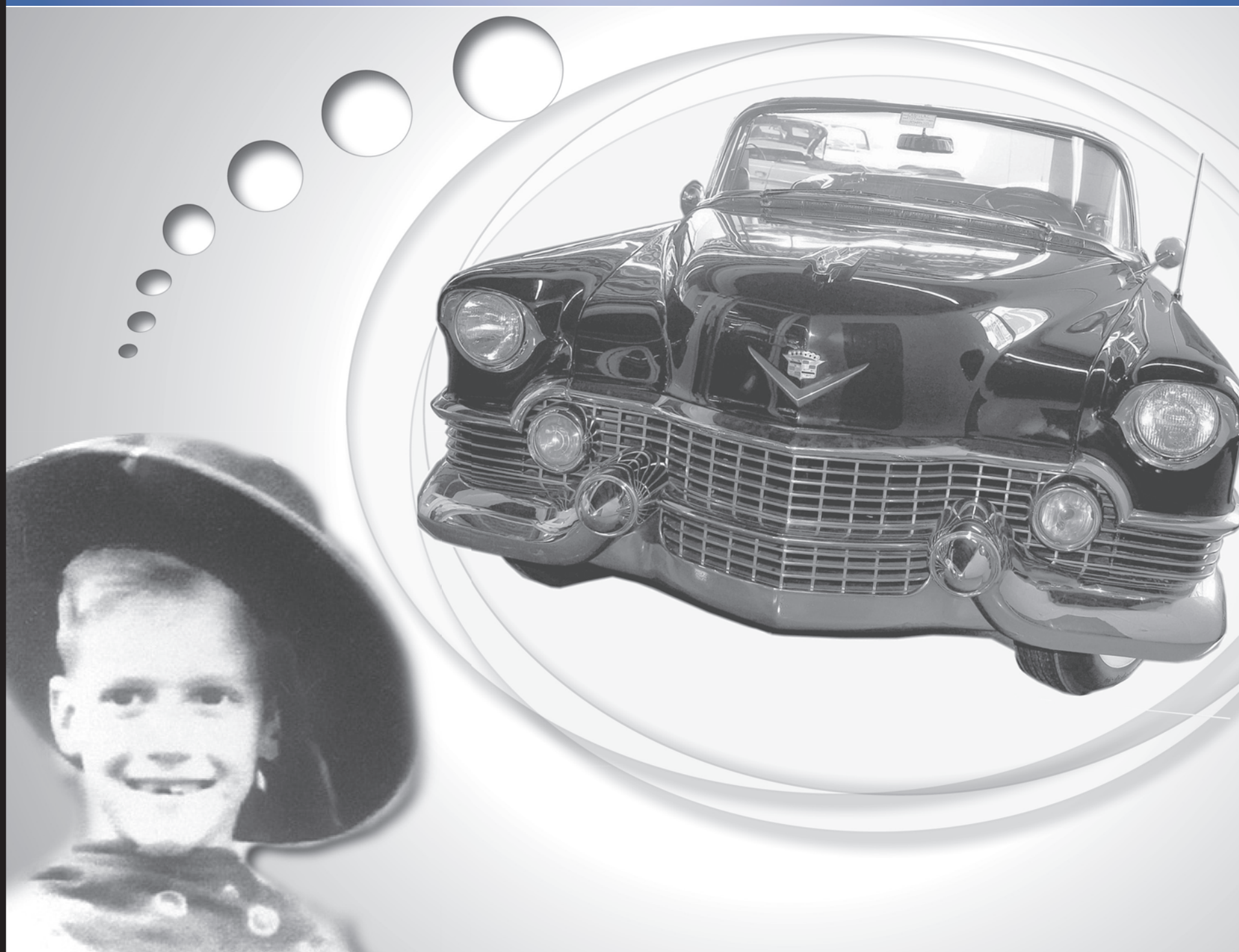
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TownsBeat

An oasis from the cold



The downstairs community room of Greater Boston Running Company was painted with the help of New Balance and readied to accommodate the new, weekly yoga series on Sunday mornings. The store opens an hour early to host the class.

Weekly yoga series stretches the bounds of Sunday mornings

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It's Sunday morning in Andover. You are on your morning downtown coffee run and can't help but notice several yoga types with mats hurriedly heading to 45 Main St.

But most Main Street stores don't open yet. So what's going on?

The Greater Boston Running Company is opening an hour early on Sunday mornings for a free yoga class.

From 11 a.m. to noon this winter, the retail store is turning its downstairs community room into a yoga studio.

"New Balance came in and helped us paint the room, and it looks great," said Tom Poland of Greater Boston Running. "It's really worked out well."

Poland said eight to 10 yoga enthusiasts faithfully show up every Sunday morning for the class, which is taught by a rotating lineup of about 15 instructors from studios across the North Shore, including Brickstone Fitness and Home Yoga, both

IF YOU GO

What: Winter Yoga Oasis
When: Sundays, 11 a.m. to noon, through March 30
Where: Greater Boston Running Company, 45 Main St., Andover
How: Free. Arrive 15 minutes early. All levels welcome. Call 978-296-4927.

of Andover. Classes started Dec. 1 and currently are running through March 30.

Yoga instructor Susan Currie of Andover, who teaches at Brickstone, recruited the lineup of class leaders and attends every session herself.

"The classes are geared toward anyone — athlete or not, providing folks are in decent physical shape. And, it's totally free with no catch," she said.

Poland said the yoga apparel company Prana is underwriting the series. The store carries Prana apparel, and Poland said if he makes a sale, great. But purchases are not required.

"It's been so rewarding to watch so many new faces dropping in to the

store to give yoga a try. Currie, an instructor for nearly 10 years, knows firsthand the difference that a regular yoga practice can make.

"Over the years, I have seen many folks transformed by its merits," Currie said. "I think I speak for all of us volunteering our time and talent to this program when I say thank you to Greater Boston Running Company and Prana for making this happen."

Nicole Brezinski, another yoga instructor who is a fifth-grade teacher at High Plain Elementary School in Andover, is also thrilled to get the good word out about a free yoga class.

"To witness folks digging deeper, maybe stepping out of their zones of comfort and then transformed in some small way simply makes my day," Brezinski, who teaches at The Yoga Loft in Wilmington, said in an email.

It's not too late to join in the classes. Just go about 15 minutes early to secure your spot, Poland said, as word is getting out about the free series.



Instructor Kerri Johnson helps a student achieve proper body positioning for one of the yoga poses during last Sunday's class. Johnson is one of more than a dozen area yoga teachers volunteering their time to the free, weekly Sunday morning series at Greater Boston Running Company in downtown Andover.



Kerri Johnson, who teaches at The Yoga Loft in Wilmington, guides enthusiasts in a posture at last Sunday's class.

Photos by Ryan Hutton

Dancing strong against cancer

Successful showcase moves to the Collins Center

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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With a daughter who is a competitive teenage dancer too young to drive, Rose Flynn lives in the car driving to dance competitions all around the North Shore. But it's really OK with the Haverhill mother. "Really, I love it. I love the dancing and watching the competitions," Flynn said. "It's my passion."

So it was no surprise when the breast cancer survivor teamed that passion with a good cause. After being diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer in May 2011, Flynn knew she



A class at Dance Infusion of Andover rehearses a tap number for Saturday's Move for the Movement showcase fundraiser.

RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photos

would eventually want to raise funds for the American Cancer Society as so many families are affected by the disease.

"I knew I wanted to do something and dance is so

much a part of my life ... so I came up with this dance event and it's been great," said Flynn, who feels great these days as her cancer treatment is behind her.

The dance event, called

Move for the Movement, comes to Andover's Collins Center for the Performing Arts this Saturday, Jan. 18.

One dozen dance studios from around Boston and the North Shore,



Members of Dance Infusion of Andover rehearse for Saturday's Move for the Movement dance showcase to be held at the Collins Center.

IF YOU GO

What: Move for the Movement, American Cancer Society fundraiser
When: Saturday, Jan. 18, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road
How: Tickets \$10. Email m4tm@comcast.net for more.

including Dance Infusion in Andover, are taking part in the second annual,

noncompetitive showcase to help fund the life-saving mission of the American Cancer Society.

Dance Infusion is back on the program for a second year.

"I think it's great that she is doing it," Cindy Worthley of Dance Infusion said. "It's great for dancers to meet other dancers from other dance studios."

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Out & About: Artistic detail at Memorial Hall Library

Wakefield artist Rob Crooker shows off his paintings as this month's featured, first-floor artist at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

While he comes from a family with a long heritage in the arts, Crooker considers himself a self-taught artist. His earlier years were spent collecting vintage Disney collectibles and becoming a world-renowned expert in vintage Disney merchandise. He says this passion propelled him to start painting Disney's

characters, which fueled his love for the arts and helped him refine his skills.

He says his work is an extension of his vision — detailed, meticulous, and yet reflecting his passions and emotions of the everyday life.

Crooker is a member of the Andovers Artists Guild and serves on its board of trustees as well as the Tewksbury Community of Artists and Fort Point Arts Community. He has exhibited his work through the area. For more on his



Robert Crooker's detailed paintings are on display this month at Memorial Hall Library.

work, visit www.mouseman.com.

Young cellist performing with BYSO

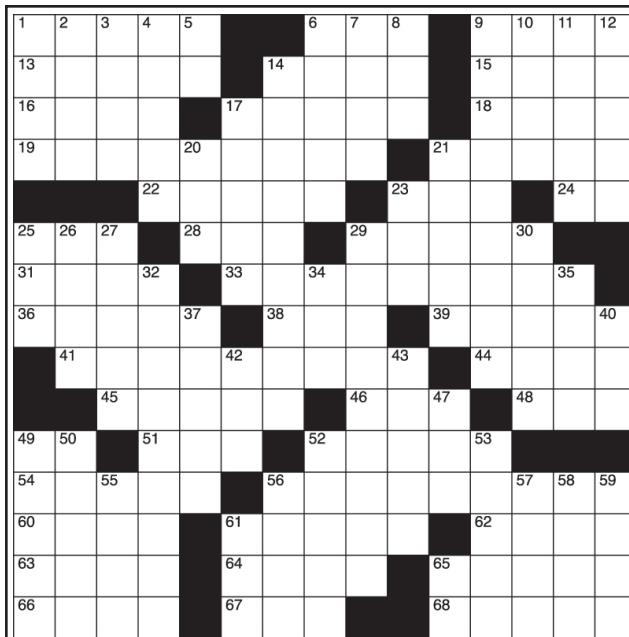
Mari Nagahara, a 14-year-old cellist from Andover, will perform with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras in its semi-staged production of Puccini's "Tosca" on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. at Sanders Theatre at Harvard University in Cambridge.

Nagahara will be among more than 100 young musicians featured in the performance of the popular opera. The youth

orchestras will be accompanied by professional singers in the main roles, the Handel and Haydn Society Chorus, Boston Children's Chorus and Convivium Musicum. BYSO Music Director Federico Cortese will conduct.

This is the seventh consecutive year that BYSO has presented a full, semi-staged opera performance and it is the only U.S. youth orchestra to have done so, according to the organization.

Tickets start at \$30 and discounted student and senior tickets are available. Call Sanders Theatre Box Office at 617-496-2222. Free parking is available at the



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6. Foundation
9. A pulpy condition
13. Venezuelan river
14. Orange-red chalcedony
15. The shallowest Great
16. Floating ice mountain
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18. Special Interest Groups
19. Divertimentos
21. Indian wet nurses
22. Flatfishes
23. Haitian currency (abbr.)
24. Southeast
25. One point N of due W
28. 10 decibels
29. Wild oxes of SE Asia
31. Ancient Greek City of SW Italy
33. A passing glancing blow
36. Marriage announcement
38. Tandoor bread
39. Mag. ____: Time

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12. Siddhartha author
14. Coach's game area
17. Gross revenue
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23. Auto fuel
25. A woven structure
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29. Brings into being

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43. Challenges
47. Photograph (slang)
49. Declined gradually
50. Tilapia nilotica
52. One-edge sword
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55. Small coins (French)
56. Twine together
57. The middle point
58. Sea eagle
59. Activist Parks
61. Humbug
65. Atomic #79

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Year of the Horse celebration for Chinese New Year

The Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange will celebrate the Chinese New Year — "Year of the Horse" — with festivities and food on Sunday, Jan. 26, at China Blossom, 946 Osgood St., North Andover.

Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays and is a time to bring family together for feasting and celebration, organizers of the celebration say. The cultural exchange will mark the occasion with an offering of authentic cuisine as well as an array of ancient and modern Asian traditions.

Families are invited to indulge in a traditional dim sum buffet while enjoying

gong fu (kung fu) and the Lion Dance presented by Yang's Martial Arts in Andover, traditional folk and modern Chinese dance demonstrations and live cultural music, including a performance on the Er Hu, a string instrument similar to a violin with the exception of two strings.

Shin-Yi Yang will perform on the Gu-zheng, an ancient Chinese instrument (zither) that has strings that are plucked like a guitar. Yang is the founder of the Boston Guzheng Ensemble and the two-time winner of the traditional arts apprenticeship given by the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Folk Arts and Heritage

Program.

Guests will also have the chance to increase their luck and ward off evil spirits in the new year with the Hong Bao ceremony. During this traditional ceremony, red envelopes containing "lucky money" are typically given by the married to the unmarried, usually children.

The event will also include a Wonders of China exhibit, calligraphy featuring members of ACCE and the Chinese American Fine Arts Society of Boston. And new this year, ACCE will be raffling off two trips to Beijing.

Due to the success of the annual event, which has sold out the past two years,

guests will have the choice of attending a 4 or 6 p.m. performance, with dinner following each show.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$20 for children. Proceeds will benefit Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange, a nonprofit community group dedicated to introducing Chinese culture to the Merrimack Valley and also providing educational opportunities and support for charitable causes.

Seating is limited and reservations are requested at <http://yearofthehorse.eventbrite.com/>. For more information, contact Richard Soo Hoo, president of ACCE, at richsoohoo@aol.com.



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DANCE

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It's personal for Worthley, too, as she has a niece currently in remission from cancer who is pictured in the show's program.

"It's a picture of her kicking as she has kicked cancer," said Worthley, who lives in Andover.

Worthley's husband, Scott, is the manager at the Collins Center and has volunteered to work the event. That means production costs are minimal so there's more money to donate, which Flynn said is fantastic.

Flynn said she sought out the Collins Center after the inaugural event last year sold out the 450-seat Haverhill High School Auditorium, raising \$4,500 for the American Cancer Society in the process. But because she had to turn away dance companies that wanted to participate due to space and time restrictions, she knew she needed to find a larger venue this year. The Collins Center with its 1,200 seats was a perfect choice, she said.

Flynn said she is hoping for a full house and a much larger donation for the American Cancer Society.

"My goal is to host 15 of these events so I can raise a lot of money for cancer research," Flynn said. She's dancing her way to that magic number.

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MOVING FOR THE MOVEMENT

Here is the list of dance companies participating in Saturday's fundraiser:

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- Dance Infusion
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- LaPierre School of Dance
- Mass Motion Dance North
- Melissa Hoffman Dance Center
- North Reading School of Ballet
- North Shore Dance Academy
- Studio of Performing Arts
- The Dance Works
- Urbanity Dance

Education

Shawsheen Kindergarten Parent Tea Jan. 22

Shawsheen School is holding a Prospective Kindergarten Parent Tea for entering students in September on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the school at 18 Magnolia Ave.

Parents are invited to tour the kindergarten classrooms. There will also be a question-and-answer period with staff and parents of current students.

Shawsheen School is a primary school of choice, educating students in preschool, kindergarten, first and second grades. The entire school focuses on the developmental stages of primary-age children.

The staff says attending

Shawsheen in the fall offers an opportunity for students to enjoy another year with preschool friends, especially for students who will be changing their neighborhood school due to redistricting in 2015.

Individuals planning to attend should call 978-623-8850 or email kdougherty@aps1.net by Jan. 20.

More information is available on the school website at www.aps1.net/shawsheen or email Principal Moira O'Brien at m2obrien@aps1.net for additional information.

Parents unable to attend the tea are invited to arrange for a tour of the school at their convenience.



Michelle DeBye, a wildlife educator with Michelle's Menagerie, shows Bancroft kindergartners a snake last week as part of the Bancroft PTO's Cultural Arts Program.

COURTESY PHOTOS

ON CAMPUS

Two local students were recently awarded degrees from Binghamton University in New York.

Sarah Elizabeth Hempstead earned a Master of Science degree in biomedical anthropology from the Harpur College of Arts and Sciences.

Jordan L. Greenberg earned a Bachelor of Science degree in management leadership from the School of Management.

Andover High School graduate **Samuel F. Pratt** was one of 12 students at St. Lawrence University in New York who participated in the Adirondack Semester program this fall. Following the model of studying abroad in another culture, the Adirondack Semester offers students the opportunity to immerse themselves full-time in the natural world. The program included extended wilderness experiences as well as courses that examine natural history, ecology, cultural history and ethics. It is based in a remote camp in the Adirondacks, without cars, television and most electronic

devices.

Three Andover residents were among Salem State scholarship recipients recognized during a recent reception at Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers.

Michael Benjamin received the Antone Aquino Music Scholarship awarded to a student majoring or minoring in music who demonstrates outstanding academic excellence in music.

Casey Colbert received the Delphine M. and James B. Sullivan Ph.D. Scholarship awarded to a student majoring in science (biology or chemistry) and enrolled in the Honors Program. Colbert also received the Dorothea Lyons Scholarship given to a student with financial need.

Kimberly Whitworth received the Edna M. McGlynn Scholarship awarded to a matriculated graduate student with a major in history.

Stella Bracke was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

A wild visitor at Bancroft

Kindergartners at Bancroft Elementary School got a glimpse of the wild last week during a visit from Michelle's Menagerie.

Wildlife educator Michelle DeBye, whose program is based out of Londonderry, N.H., visited the youngsters on Tuesday, Jan. 7, as part of the Bancroft PTO's Cultural Arts Program.

DeBye delivered an entertaining and educational

learning experience with a variety of animals. The guests of honor included a flying squirrel, opossum, duck, toad, frog and snake.

The Cultural Arts Program is planning other offerings for the kindergartners this year. More information on those programs and activities will become available to Bancroft parents this spring.



Michelle DeBye shows off a toad to the Bancroft kindergartners.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

John Miller, Michael Miller, Mia Edelson and Benzi Edelson were named to the fall honor roll at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn.

Three Andover students joined 190 other classmates

in being inducted into the Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at St. John's Prep in Danvers during a ceremony on Nov. 4.

The local inductees were senior **Gregory Kobelski** and

juniors **John Grady** and **Marcus Pelletier**.

The National Honor Society recognizes high school students for scholarship, leadership, character and service to school and community.

Elizabeth Kaufman, Melanie Murphy and Andrew Youngman were named to the high honor roll for the fall semester at Pomfret School in Connecticut.

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Originally from Long Island, New York, Dr. Provenzano has been treating residents of the Greater Merrimack Valley for over 14 years. After graduating with honors from Adelphi University, he went on to receive his doctorate in Chiropractic from The University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic. Following years of clinical practice and post-graduate seminars, Dr. Provenzano realized the benefits for his patients when manual therapy was used in conjunction with physical therapy and rehabilitative exercises. Dedicated to providing the best possible care to his patients and to broaden the scope of his practice, he enrolled in the doctoral program in Physical Therapy at Simmons College, Boston, MA. In 2007, Dr. Provenzano graduated with honors with his doctorate after an extensive three and a half

year curriculum with clinical rotations at Salem Hospital, Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital, Health South, Beth Israel, Lahey Clinic, Newton Wesley, Boston Medical Center and Massachusetts General.

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Townspeople



Anne Limonciello of Andover, a self-described huge "Downton Abbey" fan, pours herself some tea during the British-themed party at the library. Limonciello says she doesn't watch the series until the end of the season so she can see it in its entirety.

A fitting return for 'Downton'

Townspeople got into the act — literally — for the return of "Downton Abbey," dressing as their favorite characters from the popular series during a tea party last week at Memorial Hall Library.

The party celebrated the start of season 4 of the British period drama series on PBS. 'Downton' fans took a quiz matching characters with quotes from earlier seasons. There were also plenty of refreshments — and tea, of course — to be had at last Friday's event.



Gayle Heney dressed the part for last week's "Downton Abbey" celebration at Memorial Hall Library.

Caffrey to lead Lawrence General Hospital board

STAFF REPORT



Matthew Caffrey

Local attorney Matthew Caffrey is the new chairman of the board of trustees of Lawrence General Hospital.

Caffrey assumed the position last month, succeeding Richard Santagati of Andover, former president of Merrimack College in North Andover, who has been a member of the board of trustees for 25 years and chairman since 2006.

Caffrey, a graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover, Middlebury College in Vermont and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, has been a member of Lawrence General's board of trustees since 2007.

A trial attorney, Caffrey has a law firm in Andover. Prior to establishing his local practice in 1994, he was an associate of the Boston firm of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo, P.C., in its litigation and environmental sections.

He is a past president of the Lawrence Bar Association and has served as a board member of several Lawrence nonprofit organizations, including MI Nursing and HealthCare Services, Inc. and Berkeley Retirement Home, Inc.

"I am thrilled to be working with this incredibly dedicated and talented board, as well as the leadership team at Lawrence General," Caffrey said in a release. "I am not surprised that LGH is now one of the fastest-growing hospitals in Massachusetts, and our plans for the hospital's future are very exciting indeed."

Caffrey lives in Andover with his wife, Liana, and their

three daughters, Michela, Natalie and Sophia.

"We're very excited to have Matt as our chairman, and look forward to working with

him and our other new members," Dianne J. Anderson, president & CEO of Lawrence General Hospital, said in the release. "Our board leadership is terrific, and we're privileged to have a team that shares our commitment to our patients and our mission of providing clinical quality and service excellence."

Santagati said he enjoyed serving as chairman.

"It has been extremely gratifying to be part of the extraordinary growth in quality and services achieved by this talented and committed board, management and staff," he said. "I look forward to collaborating on and supporting future initiatives for the benefit of patients."

The hospital also announced two new members to its board of trustees. They are Jonathan G. Isaacson, president and CEO of The Gem Group, a privately held supplier of bags, business accessories and gifts headquartered in Lawrence, and Christopher Collecchi, managing director of Broadview Ventures, the philanthropic venture-investing arm of the Paris-based Leducq Family Trust, which invests in the development of cures for cardiovascular diseases.

IN SERVICE

Army Cadet Meghan C. Conger has graduated from the Army ROTC Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer.

A 2011 graduate of Andover High School, Conger is now enrolled at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She is the daughter of Maria Meguinness of Andover and John Conger

and stepdaughter of Jennifer Conger of Pennsylvania.

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Army Reserve Pvt. Adrienne J. Pisch has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, she studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values and physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in a variety of combat skills.

She is a 2013 graduate of Phillips Academy in Andover.

Local mother, son bound for Westminster

A mother and son from Andover have been invited to compete in the first Masters Agility Championship at Westminster in New York City on Saturday, Feb. 8, as part of the famed Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show week.

Jo-Ann Carleton and her Pembroke Welsh corgi, Gracie, and Nicholas Carleton and his 7-year-old Labrador retriever, Sophie, will be part of the club's agility trial that takes place the Saturday before the 138th annual Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show.

The agility trial is limited to dogs competing at

excellent or master level, which include both purebred and mixed-breed dogs. The Mixed Breed category is especially significant, bringing non-purebred dogs to a Westminster event for the first time since the very earliest days of the show.

The finals of the Westminster Kennel Club's agility trial will be televised live from Pier 94 on FOX Sports 1, Saturday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The agility trial precedes Westminster's 138th Annual All Breed Dog Show, which will be held in Madison Square Garden on Feb. 10 and 11.



Jo-Ann Carleton and her Pembroke Welsh corgi, Gracie, were invited to be part of the Westminster Kennel Club's first Masters Agility Championship next month.

Nicholas Carleton and his Labrador retriever, Sophie, are preparing for the first Masters Agility Championship.



EVENTS CALENDAR

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AUDITIONS

AUDITIONS, Treble Chorus is holding auditions for the spring 2014 season for its four choirs — training, ages 7 to 9; concert, ages 9 to 13; schola, ages 13 to 18 and My Own Voice for singers with special needs — Monday, Jan. 20, 4:30 to 6 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; Anna S. Choi, tcnanager@treblechorusne.org or 978-470-8263, for an audition.

FILMS

MOVIE CLUB, Faith Lutheran Church launches new monthly Movie Club with discussion Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., featuring 1949 Academy Award winner "The

Heiress;" 360 South Main St., Andover; www.faith-andover.org, info@faith-andover.org, 978-475-4059.

SCREENING ROOM, Boomer-Venture Screening Room Film Festival series featuring "Renoir," a movie set on the French Riviera following the Renoir Clan, Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.; "The Kings of Summer," a coming-of-age tale for older teens and adults, Thursday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m.; free, snacks available; Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover; 978-623-8321, www.andoverseniorcenter.org.

SILENT FILM SERIES, Classic silent film series with musical accompaniment featuring "The Birth of a Nation," (1915), starring Lillian Gish, Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m.; free, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike

St., North Andover; 978-837-5355.

MUSIC

BRASSERIE 28, Thursday, Jan. 16, singer-songwriter Ryan Fitzsimmons, acoustic, covers; Friday, Jan. 17, singer-songwriter Ryan LaPerle, folk rock, indie, pop; all music 8 to 11 p.m., 2 Elm Square, Andover; <http://brasserie28.com>.

PIANO RECITAL, Phillips Academy Music Department presents a Faculty Piano Recital featuring Stephen Porter performing "Late Style: Final Piano Masterpieces by Beethoven and Schubert," Saturday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy Campus, 180 Main St., Andover; free and open to public, handicapped accessible; Music Department,

978-749-4260 or music@andover.edu.

ETC.

WINTER WARM-UP DINNER DANCE, Andover Knights of Columbus 1078 holds its Winter Warm-up Dinner Dance, recognizing Bridget Shaheen as this year's honoree, Saturday, Feb. 1, Tewksbury Country Club, 1880 Main St.; DJ, silent auction, live raffle, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.; \$75 per couple; GK Paul Dollard, dr.paul.dollard@gmail.com or DGK Dennis Ricketts, dennisricketts@comcast.net, or call 978-470-1476.

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 To submit an item for the Events Calendar, email townsman@andovertownsm.com.

Town Talk

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Somber farewell to trusted town employee, friend

Signing up for any town-run course through the Department of Community Services typically meant a chat with Meg.

For 17 years, **Margaret "Meg" Bartow Batcheller** was the go-to gal for any DCS question. She knew the answer or could find out quickly.

Batcheller, 56, of Methuen, formerly of Andover, died last week after struggling with cancer. She leaves her beloved husband, Burt Batcheller, who is very active with the town's Conservation Department, and a son, Alec Batcheller.

Her death hit many in town hard, but especially those in the Department of Conservation Services, including its director, Mary Montbleau. She and her staff were struggling with the loss this week.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Alec Batcheller Education Fund, c/o Century Bank, 15 Elm St.,

Remembering Colleen Ritzer

There's no better reason to look pretty in pink

That's because pink was **Colleen Ritzer's** favorite color.

A "style-athon" fundraiser in memory of Ritzer of Andover, the Danvers High School math teacher who was killed allegedly by one of her students last October, will be held at Vero Salon and Spa, One Central St. in Middleton, on Monday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Pink hair extensions will be available, along with pink T-shirts, pink bracelets as well as haircuts. Gift certificates and gift baskets will also be part of the event.

All proceeds will be donated to the Colleen Ritzer Memorial Scholarship Fund. Call Vero Salon at 978-750-4004 with any questions or for more information.

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 Have an item for Town Talk? Email townsman@andovertownsm.com.

SEND US YOUR TOWNSPETS

The Townsman is seeking nominations for TownsPets of the Week.

The honor is open to all types of pets. We want to spotlight Andover's top dogs and cats — not to mention fish, birds, hamsters, chickens and maybe even some

snakes and turtles, too — as a regular feature in the Townsman.

To nominate your favorite pet, submit a photo, with or without his or her owners, along with a brief description of the animal and its special qualities, to townsman@andovertownsm.com.



Courtesy photo

Mary Byers Smith, the first woman elected to the Andover School Committee, devoted her life to numerous social service organizations and endeavors.

Mary Byers Smith: A pioneering storyteller at heart

Andover Stories

Cindy Bernstein
Andover Historical
Society

In the 1920s, she became the first woman elected to the Andover School Committee. She was also trustee of Memorial Hall Library and of the Free Church, where she was a lifetime member.

Mary Byers Smith (1885-1983) has been described as “a fascinating storyteller and historian” and “an early leader in the women’s movement.”

According to the authors of “Red Cloak for Mother, History of Smith Family in Andover,” her impact on her home and her community is “remembered and revered.”

The second youngest of nine children born to Joseph Smith and Fannie Smart Donald Smith, Smith was the granddaughter of John Smith, co-founder of Smith and Dove Flax Manufacturers in Andover. Her many accomplishments complemented her long life of 97 years.

In the 1920s, she became the first woman elected to the Andover School Committee. She was also trustee of Memorial Hall Library and of the Free Church, where she was a lifetime member.

After graduating from Abbot Academy in Andover, Smith was one of four out of 23 who went on to attend college. In a 1972 interview recorded by Jacqueline Van Voris for the College Centennial Study, Smith said she chose Smith College in Northampton because her friend also was going there.

Her family, she said, was not supportive. “My brothers thought the less you had, the better,” she said. Her uncle who was the rector of Trinity Church, “did not approve of college for women at all.”

But in spite of her family’s opinions, Smith immersed herself in the college culture. Although she had to miss a year because of illness, Smith was elected president of her class of 1908. She developed a longtime interest in her alma mater, serving as trustee and director of the alumni association.

In 1916, Smith co-founded Hampshire Bookshop in Northampton along with fellow Smith graduate Marion Dodd. The bookshop, staffed as well as owned by women, hosted lectures and discussions with authors, including Robert Frost.

Giving up the chance to pursue a career in book-binding, Smith, who never married, moved back to Andover to help take care of her parents. She began a “professional” volunteer career in social services, which she continued well into her 80s.

She first worked for the state Board of Charity, then Public Welfare followed by the Social Services Department at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and later for the state Board of Education, putting libraries in hospitals and penal institutions.

As an English major, Smith wrote poetry, some of which was privately published in the 1920s. In the 1930s, she took a course in writing at Radcliffe College in Cambridge.

For the course, she wrote and later revised “Family Sketches,” a biography of the Smith Family. Although her grandfather passed away a year after she was born, she lived in the same house and was in possession of his letters from which she could glean insightful details from which to write about the family. Each chapter was written as though she was a witness to conversations and events.

Smith continued to show the same style of storytelling in “The Founding of Memorial Hall Library.” Published in 1943, the piece chronicled how her grandfather was instrumental in the establishment of the library in 1873.

In 1946, on the 100th anniversary of the Free Christian Church, Smith wrote and read an historical paper on the founding of the church. That paper was later described as “a wonderful combination of keen scholarship, affectionate anecdotes and thoughtful reflection.”

In the last 30 years of her life, Smith moved to Boston, and became a trustee for the New England Hospital for Women and Children and director of the Orchard Home for Girls.

At her internment, Rev. Roger Hazelton, professor emeritus of Andover Newton Theological School, spoke highly of Smith.

“I suspect that she was never actually lonesome, for she was singularly able to make others’ good her own, whether in pioneering public service in Andover or Boston, or as volunteer and trustee in school and college work,” Hazelton said.

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SUSAN MCKELLIGET

100 Years Ago January 1914

Owing to a case of diphtheria contracted by one of the pupils in the John Dove school, the building was thoroughly fumigated this month and sessions were omitted. Only one case of the disease has thus far been reported.

A coasting party for the girls was arranged for an early-January Saturday afternoon. All guild girls who wanted a jolly outing met at the (Andover) guild at 2:30.

75 Years Ago January 1939

This year’s Christmas lights at the St. Francis Seminary on River Road in

West Andover were even more beautiful than they were last year, and the crib inside was larger and finer than that of last year. There were 7,000 lights of various colors used over the edifice.

Brakes rendered useless by a slippery surface on Andover Street caused slight injuries to 4-year-old William Moss of Andover Street. The driver of the car stated that two boys ran across the street, but when he applied his brakes, the car skidded into the Moss boy.

A hurricane this month caused another local injury, when Clarence Delaney, 49, B.P.W. employee, was pinned under a stump at the Haggetts Pond pine grove. The employees were burying stumps of trees knocked over by the hurricane and

Delaney was in a hole when a stump slid, pinning him in underneath.

50 Years Ago January 1964

A nice, open body of water, a few small fish, plenty of feed nearby in the sanctuary. All the comforts of home — if you’re a duck. What matter if the water happens to be the town drinking water in the Bancroft Road reservoir? That’s so much more water off the ducks’ backs. Not so to the rest of us; nor to state and town officials, whose bacteria-oriented minds were aghast at the sudden and lively count.

The evolution of a new department — or perhaps more appropriately its birth pains — was described to the Recreation Committee by the town manager at a

meeting this month. The manager first mentioned the probability that, at some future time, the recreation and park departments will be merged.

25 Years Ago January 1989

While New Englanders hit the slopes or pursue some other recreational endeavor over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, Andover Postmaster Tony Mendoza will be organizing the long-anticipated post office move to its new quarters on Stevens Street.

Andover drivers are going to have to get used to the new four-way stop signs near Town Hall. Lt. Phillip Froburg says police stopped about 100 violators at Bartlet and Chestnut streets during a recent weekend.

WHAT’S HAPPENING: CENTER AT PUNCHARD

The Center at Punchard (The Center), 30 Whittier Court, Andover, has been busy this winter. Here are some of the activities on tap:

High Tea and History — American Soccer League Champions in Andover: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m. Step back in time to 1926 and celebrate the national champions of the American Soccer League. The Shawshen Football Club, also known as the “Indians,” was managed by George Wallace, private secretary to William Wood, owner of the local American Woolen Company.

Inspired Retirement — You’ve Retired, Now What?: Thursdays, Jan. 16 and 30, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Joe Ponti, former life coach, provides perspective to develop plans for a meaningful, rich retirement; \$4.

Eating Your Feelings: Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dig into what food means and the undeniable social and emotional aspects to the way people eat, while exploring some healthy

ways to nourish the whole self; \$5.

Men’s Breakfast: Friday, Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m. Eagle-Tribune sports writer Hector Longo brings listeners to the game with his stories of the New England Patriots and more. Get the inside action from Longo’s “Two-Minute Drill” offering a true sportswriter’s point of view on the local and national sports scene; \$4.

Taza Chocolate Factory Tour: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Witness the Somerville company’s unique process for making stone-ground, Mexican-style dark chocolate; \$47, includes tour and lunch.

Andover Sportsmen’s Club: Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2 to 3 p.m. Frank Bleszinski, vice president, discusses the local sportsmen’s club dedicated to conserving, restoring and managing the game, fish and other wildlife in the Andover region; \$3, refreshments served.

Bender Barre: Thursdays, through Feb. 13, 6 to 7 p.m.

Instructor Susan Tribble combines Pilates, yoga and ballet to strengthen, sculpt and tone with extended stretching and relaxation exercises. No previous experience required; bring yoga mat; \$50.

Beginners’ Plus Bridge: Mondays, Jan. 27, and Feb. 3 and 10, 10 a.m. to noon, led by Terry Kay Barger, focuses on planning the play of the hand and expanding one’s bidding arsenal; \$139.

Great Literature — Love! Wednesdays, through Feb. 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Love will be the theme this semester with works ranging from Euripides to Shakespeare; sessions begin with a 30-minute “Great Courses” video lecture followed by discussion; no prior reading necessary.

Life Drawing: Mondays, Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 and 10, 1 to 3 p.m. Learn to draw the human form starting with short gestural poses and moving to detailed half-hour poses; see front desk for supply list; \$28.

Facebook: Thursday, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m. Learn basic functions such as how to create a Facebook account, add friends, communicate privately and share photos, videos and more; questions and answers follow lectures; \$3.

Current Events Discussion: Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, special current events discussion focusing on the events of the day, at The Townhouse, Main Street; part of regular coffee and conversation, weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

Our Daily Bread: Warm meals served weekdays at noon; suggested cost \$2.50.

All events are open to the community. However, space is limited and registration is required.

Hours at The Center at Punchard are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. For a complete listing of classes and programs, check the center’s newsletter or visit www.andoverseniorecenter.org. For more information, call 978-623-8321.

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were recently issued by the town, according to the Andover Building Department. The list includes permit recipients and addresses, job descriptions and value of planned improvements:

■ **6 Twin Brooks Circle:** Balaji S. and Deepa Srinivasan, single family, garage addition with room above/interior renovations, \$117,800

■ **23 Main St. :** Twenty-three Main Street LLC, c/o R. Thomas Belhumeur, commercial bank, demolition and renovation of existing tenant space, \$67,000

■ **52 Morton St.:** Leif and Paula L. Eriksen, single family, install new second-floor, 3/4 bath, two new entrance doors, \$29,500

■ **33 Chester St.:** Jeffrey S. Nowak and Cristen M. Farrell, single family, renovate front porch and side sun room, \$53,200

■ **300 Federal St.:** GCP Andover LLC c/o Avison Young, commercial, interior fit-up of 1st floor office space, \$570,945

■ **138 River Road:** 138 Minuteman LLC, general office, renovate 2,300 square feet, \$22,150

■ **26 Stoneybrook Circle:** Brian M. Baker and Amy E. Serino, single family, rooftop photovoltaic cells, \$35,125

■ **4 Newport Circle:** Patch Development LLC, single family, foundation only, \$295,000

■ **6 Donna Road:** Thuy Nguyen, single family, 14-by-20-foot shed, \$6,000

■ **60 Dascomb Road:** Albert G. and Rita E. Deldotto, single family, fill in in-ground swimming pool, \$1,500

■ **26 Filter Bed Road:** Jelfco Inc., single-family dwelling, unavailable

■ **57 Prospect Road:** Marc E. and Suzanne Gray Henderson, single family, air seal and insulate, \$3,913

■ **19 Glen Meadow Road:** Patrick Harrington, single family, strip and re-roof/windows/doors/siding/enclose breezeway and farmer’s porch/deck, \$55,000

■ **233 Andover St.:** Christopher J. and Cheryl A. Murphy, single family, strip and re-roof, new lead, repaint chimney, \$16,900

■ **60 Dascomb Road:** Albert G. and Rita E. Deldotto, single family, fill in in-ground swimming pool, \$1,500

■ **2 Trinity Court:** Andover

Greenwood LLC, single family, demolition, unavailable

■ **1 Tech Drive:** RREEF America Reit III Corp Zi, c/o Eproperty Tax, general office, interior renovations, \$22,173

■ **3 Walker Ave.:** Patrick and Krystina O’Brien, single family, second-story addition, two-stall garage with room above, unavailable

■ **11 Granada Way:** Shine Nominee Trust/Daniel + Roseanne Shine Trust, single family, bathroom remodel, partial roof, \$29,520

■ **22-30 Park St.:** Twenty-2 Park Street LLC, small retail, selective demolition for Orange Leaf, \$3,000

■ **182 Abbot St.:** Michael A. and Allyson T. Hughes, single family, finish three walls in basement for gym, \$5,000

■ **7 Peach Tree:** Daniel J. and Elizabeth P. Ossoff, single family, strip and re-roof/replace skylights, \$13,230

■ **6 Newport Circle:** Patch Development LLC, single family dwelling, unavailable

■ **7-07 Boardwalk Drive:** 9 North Street LLC, condo parcel, foundation only, two-family dwelling, \$235,400

■ **107 High Plain Road:** David T. and Becky R. Houston, single family, interior alterations, \$192,400

■ **22-U16 Michael Way:** Hong Lei and Zhiqiang Jiang, single family condo, repairs to rear deck, \$6,200

■ **1 Burt Road:** Genetics Institute Inc/Pfizer Inc. Attn Indirect Tax, commercial, building renovations to existing MRI room, \$36,947

■ **18 Prides Circle:** Marpan Construction Corp, single family, frame, unavailable

■ **10 Haskell Road:** Nick V. and Diane E. Mimosos, single family, remodel bathroom, \$11,700

■ **18 Red Spring Road:** Dundee Red Spring LLC, residential, remove skylights, block openings, \$12,400

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■ **5 Acorn Drive:** Walter and Margaret L. Nizinski, single family, second-floor closet expansion, \$6,800

■ **6 Courtney Lane:** Carolina Properties LLC, single family, finish two rooms in basement, \$23,400

■ **48 Beacon St.:** Raj and Sumana Behara, single

family, basement remodel, \$40,320

■ **14 Belknap Drive:** Brian G. and Linda R. Annino, single family, remove stairs from sun room and install deck, \$15,455

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Sports

TRIPLE THREAT



Aaron Wu flies through the water for Andover High. Wu is one of three captains, along with Vincent Camin and Santi Alegria, pacing the undefeated Golden Warriors boys swim team this season.

Courtesy photo

Area Roundup

Naveed, relay take home gold

BOYS TRACK

Relay takes gold

The team of Sebastian Silveira, Oliver Eberth, George Cardillo and anchor Hamza Naveed ran to victory in the 4x400 relay in 3:32.02 at the Dartmouth Relays in Hanover, N.H., on Saturday. Andrew Matteucci added a fourth in the 55 hurdles (8.03) for Andover.

Hamza Naveed won the 300 in 34.9 and joined Jeremy Travaglino, Oliver Eberth and George Cardillo to take the 4x400 relay, but Andover lost to Lowell 53-33 last Thursday, Jan. 9. Andrew Matteucci added a win in the 55 hurdles for the Warriors.

Caroline Curtin scored a key goal, and Caroline Hughes added a pair of goals and an assist as Andover played Austin Prep to a 3-3 tie on Saturday. Haley Driscoll and Jess Leone each added a helper for the Warriors.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Carver stars

Courtney Carver earned victories in the vault (9.1), floor (9.4) and all-around (36.75) to lead Andover past Tewksbury 144.0-128.45 last Friday. Jessie Livingston added wins in the bars (9.25) and beam (9.2) and was second in the all-around.

GIRLS SKIING

Ganley leads way

Julia Ganley placed second overall in 20.35 and Jackie Drew was fifth in 21.21 to lead Andover to a season-opening 101-34 win over Manchester Essex last Wednesday, Jan. 8. Silvia Leung took ninth, Meghan Farrell was 13th and Olivia Lawler placed 15th for the Warriors.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Aronov dominates

Joseph Aronov won the vault (7.8), parallel bars (6.9), high bar (7.3) and pommel horse (7.4) on the way to taking the all-around with a 33.9 as Andover opened its season with a 162-155 win over Attleboro last Tuesday, Jan. 7. Danny Igoe won the floor and Dan Harvey took the rings for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SWIMMING

Wu wows

Joseph Aronov swept the individual events and the all-around (45.2) as Andover edged Lowell 150-146 last Thursday. Dan Harvey added a third in the all-around and Brian McDonough was second in the pommel horse for the winners.

Aaron Wu won the 50 freestyle (24.0) and 100 freestyle (51.46) and swam on the winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay to lead Andover past Haverhill 96-84 last Wednesday, Jan. 8. Eric Shi added wins in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke along with the 200 medley relay.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Hughes on fire

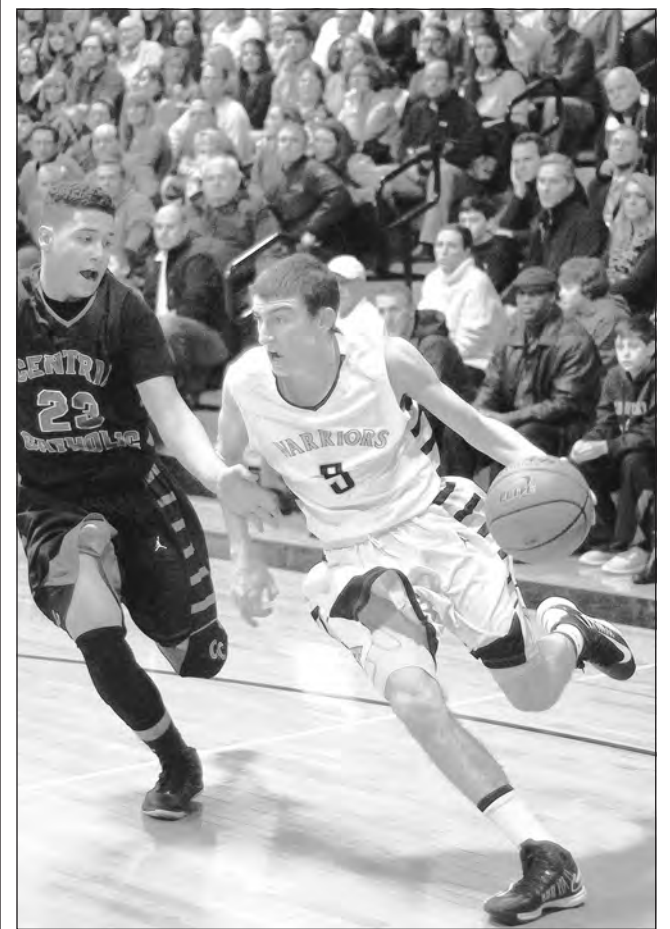
Caroline Hughes potted two goals and Veronica Alois added two more scores to pace Andover in a 4-0 win over Westford Academy last Thursday. Jess Leone added two assists and Meghan Johnson earned the shutout in net.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Defense dominates in win

Colleen Caveney netted a game-high 15 points and Jessica Witten added 11 as Andover opened the game net.

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover captain John Pisacreta drives to the lane against Central Catholic before a standing-room-only crowd last Friday night. The Golden Warriors ultimately were unable to hold off their archrivals.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

HANNAH CHAPMAN
JUNIOR
INDOOR TRACK

Hannah had a great showing for the Andover High girls indoor track team



at the Dartmouth Relays in Hanover, N.H., last weekend. She finished fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 34 feet, 7 inches and sixth in the long jump with a jump of 16 feet.

ANDREW MATTEUCCI
JUNIOR
INDOOR TRACK

The talented junior sprinter came up big last weekend against some of the best sprinters in New England at the Dartmouth Relays in Hanover, N.H. Andrew finished fourth in the 55-meter hurdles with a personal best time of 8:03.



Tri-captains leading swim team to undefeated start

By DAVID WILLIS
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For Vincent Camin, it was the dream of following in his brother's footsteps.

For Santi Alegria, it was the moment he realized as a child that he was faster than his friends in the pool.

For Aaron Wu, it was his parents finding a chance for him to exercise more and burn off some energy.

The trio may have found their way to competitive swimming for different reasons, but the result has been the same.

All three have emerged as not just top swimmers for Andover High, but also leaders and tri-captains for the Golden Warriors, who are currently 4-0 in their quest for a third straight unbeaten regular season and Merrimack Valley Conference crown.

"The biggest goal we have is to go undefeated and win the MVC title," Alegria said. "That is what we are focused on, above any individual goal. We feel like we have a really good team and have the chance to do it."

The little brother

Camin, for one, had always dreamed of swimming for Andover High, following his brother, Stan, who was a standout for the Golden Warriors before a back injury derailed his career.

"I learned everything from Stan," Vincent Camin said. "He first got me into swimming about seven years ago. At first, it was just having fun, but watching him when he got to high school, I saw the times that the high school kids were getting. I saw how competitive it was and knew I wanted to be successful and get those times."

When he did arrive at Andover High, he quickly found success as a freshman, swimming on the varsity relays and making state cuts. But it was initially intimidating, he said.

"I was pretty apprehensive at first," Camin said. "Freshman year, joining the team, everything was so new and the kids were really good. But it was fun, and after a while, I started to get confident."

"The biggest goal we have is to go undefeated and win the MVC title. That is what we are focused on, above any individual goal. We feel like we have a really good team and have the chance to do it."

Santi Alegria

Now a senior, Camin has set lofty goals for the rest of this season.

"Right now, my top individual goal is to win the state championship in the 100 breaststroke," said Camin, also a standout in the relays. "Last year, I came in fourth. I saw Eric Zhao win the 100 freestyle and he couldn't have been happier. I don't know what it will feel like, and I know it will be very difficult. But it would be amazing."

The quick study

Growing up, Wu gave just about every sport a shot in his search for the perfect match.

"When I was younger, I tried baseball and basketball and golf and a few others," Wu said. "But my parents encouraged me to try swimming in the sixth grade, and once I did, I stopped every other sport. I found a sport that I truly liked. It went from swim lessons to club team to competitive swimming."

Wu made his debut for Andover High as a freshman in the Golden Warriors' meet against Haverhill, and the breakthrough followed.

"When the coaches put me into my first varsity meet, it gave me confidence that I could compete," he said. "They put me into the 500 freestyle and I made the state (championship) cut. Then I knew I was part of the team and I could compete at the highest level after that."

Now in his fourth year as a stalwart on the varsity team, Wu knows what events are the best fit for his ability.

"Freestyle and butterfly are the strokes I can swim the best," said Wu, also a key relay swimmer. "Freestyle is my strongest. I have very flexible shoulders

and I can rotate my arms as fast as possible. That's what makes them the perfect fit for me.

"I love to swim. When I'm not at school or at home doing homework, I am probably at the pool working out."

The reluctant standout

Alegria's love of swimming was born during recreational time at the pool as a kid. But it took some pushing from his parents to compete.

"My parents used to tell me I was faster than all of my friends when we were swimming," he said. "They thought I should try out for the swim team. I didn't really want to at first, but I did for them. I didn't even think I would make the club team as a kid, but then I got the call that I had made it and I was excited."

That initial hesitance quickly turned into a passion as Alegria advanced to high school. As a freshman, he began to swim for the Andover varsity team, but he admitted his greatest individual achievement occurred just a few weeks ago.

"I just recently made state times in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke," said Alegria, who is also a member of multiple relays. "That was my first time making the state cut, so that was pretty important for me. It was really exciting and a real breakthrough."

When he was elected a captain along with his two friends, Alegria said he was unsure if it would be a perfect fit.

"I am not the most vocal person," he said. "In the best, I was just a member of the team and was quiet. But this year I had to step up and lead and lead the dry land workouts. It has been very different, but it has also been really fun and my other captains have done a great job."

With all three captains looking to attend colleges with Division 1 swim teams, the trio of swimmers believe this could be their final season of true competition. So they want to finish in style.

"I think we have a very good chance at winning MVCs," Wu said. "It won't be easy, that's for sure. But this team has had a lot of kids really step up, and I think we could have a great year."

AHS alumni facing off in annual benefit games

The annual Andover High School Alumni Hockey Games are set for Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury.

Two one-hour games are planned, starting at 4:05 and 4:30 p.m. Players from the class of 1979 up to the

class of 2012 are expected to participate.

Andover Hat Trick Club, the booster club for the boys hockey program at Andover High School, has been holding the alumni game annually for more than 10 years. A minimum

donation of \$60 is requested of players, with the money going to support the boys varsity and JV hockey programs at Andover High.

A reception at Park Street Pub in downtown Andover will follow the games. There will be complimentary food,

a cash bar and the annual (not so) silent auction, with sports tickets, hockey equipment, sports memorabilia and more up for bid.

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Paula Arrigg



Aleksey Gorman



Andrew Kazmer



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Alessandra Merenna

Five score Austin Prep Athletic Awards

Five Andover teens recently received athletic awards at Austin Preparatory School in Reading's Fall Athletic Awards Night. Senior Paula Arrigg was

selected as a Catholic Central League Volleyball All-Star. Freshman Aleksey Gorman received the Boys Cross Country Most Improved

Player Award. Eighth-grader Andrew Kazmer won the Boys Cross Country Coaches Award. Freshman Mercedes Pare scored the Girls Cross

Country Most Improved Player Award. Freshman Alessandra Merenna took the Cheerleading Most Improved Player Award.

Holiday tournament



Boston Bruins/Courtesy photo

The Boston Bruins recently hosted the sixth annual Bruins Holiday Tournament for local Squirt/Mite youth hockey organizations. The Andover Squirts won their division at the tournament, which took place Dec. 27 through 30. Here, the team poses with Boston Bruins alumnus Bob Sweeney, Bruins mascot Blades and a Bruins Ice Girl.

2014 Youth Free Throw Contest on Saturday

Andover 1078 Knights of Columbus is inviting all boys and girls ages 9 to 14 to participate in the local level of competition for the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. at 10 Brook St., Andover.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the

state-level competitions. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 years are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year, more than 120,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,600-plus local competitions internationally.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information, contact Paul A. Dollard, grand knight, at 978-470-1476.

ROUNDUP: Chapman takes fourth in triple jump

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on a 25-0 run thanks to a relentless defense and cruised past Haverhill 67-33 last Tuesday, Jan. 7. Emily Connors and Fatouma Kone each chipped in with eight points for the winners.

Andover fell behind early and dropped a 75-37 decision to archrival Central Catholic last Thursday. Freshman Alyssa Casey scored a team-high 13 points, while Jessica Witten added seven for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SKIING

Warriors split

Jake Tarricone took fifth overall in 19.33 as Andover opened its season by beating Austin Prep 124-11, but they fell to Masconomet 81-54 last Wednesday.

GIRLS TRACK

Chapman stars

Hannah Chapman took fourth in the triple jump (34-7.25) and sixth in the long jump (16-0.75) for Andover at the Dartmouth Relays on Saturday.

Andover's Leila Aruri won the 2-mile in 11:59.9 and Lizzie Kobelski took the 55 hurdles in 9.1, but the Golden Warriors fell to Lowell 48-38 last Thursday.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff file photo

Andrew Mattucci, Sebastian Silveira, background, and Hamza Naveed train during the outdoor track season. All three ran on the 4x400 relay that took first at the Dartmouth Relays in Hanover, N.H., last weekend.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rematch disappointment

In a rematch of the Christmas Tournament title game, Andover fell short to archrival Central Catholic 58-37 last Friday. E.J. Perry IV scored

a team-high 12 points and co-captain Connor Merinder scored nine points for the Warriors.

Backed by 12 points from John Pisacreta, Andover held off pesky Haverhill 61-41 last Tuesday, Jan. 7. David Giribaldi scored a game-high 21 points and Connor Merinder added 14

for the winners.

BOYS HOCKEY

Warriors fall short Paul Russo and Brian Sargent each scored a goal, but Andover lost to Billerica 5-2 last Wednesday, Jan. 8.

PLAYER OF THE FORTNIGHT: COLLEEN CAENEY

Colleen Caeney of the Andover High School girls basketball team is this week's Player of the Fortnight winner.

Coach E.J. Perry describes Colleen as "an excellent student and hard worker who is quiet, but leads by example."

"Colleen is off to a strong start for us this season. She had good games against both Haverhill and Central, and she was the MVP of the Christmas Tournament. We're hoping for a strong rest of the season from Colleen," Perry says.

The Player of the Fortnight Award is sponsored by Ronald R. Hill of Baystate Financial in Andover. The weekly award was started about 15 years ago to recognize members of the Andover High girls and boys varsity basketball teams who show great spirit and effort.

The award will alternate between the boys and girls teams for the remainder of the season.

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The Townsman wants to shine the spotlight on Andover's youth sports teams.

We're asking coaches, parents and fans to send us photos as well as highlights of all the week's youth sporting games and events. Items can range from a shout-out for a top player or team of the week, a shot of a spectacular play, praise for an unsung hero or coach or even some candids from a game or practice.

We'd like to highlight all the various local sports leagues and athletes and give as many players and teams as we can a chance at some coverage over the course of their seasons.

We also want to hear suggestions for stories on a big game or event or standout player that the Townsman staff should feature in our pages.

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Atkinson, NH - This Steeple View condo features granite gourmet kitchen, dining room, large formal fireplace living room and cozy tea room w/ another fireplace, finished walkout lower level with full bath. Two bedrooms featuring their own private baths. \$354,900.00

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Gloucester - Buildable level corner lot. Can be combined with adjacent lot to build 2 homes. City sewer, water and all utilities inc, natural gas at street. Easy access to Annisquam River, community dock, public transportation, highway, shopping and beaches. Build your Dream Home. MLS 71594893 for adjacent lot info. \$158,000

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MAJOR HIGHWAY RTE 111 Hampstead NH at signalized intersection. 22 acres. 2000 ft road frontage. Includes restaurant plus 2 buildings. Ideal land for development. High traffic, can be subdivided. New to market. Owner retiring. **Asking \$3.5 million**

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ROOMMATES

ANDOVER, \$550 Utilities/internet included Professional person seeks same. Executive area, large furnished room, private home. 93/125. No smoke. 1st/last/security. 978-475-7526

BEVERLY, MA: Apartment to share, middle age semiretired business man. Large beautifully furnished 2 bedroom, on Dane Street Beach. Male/Female to aide with cooking, computer, secretarial skills. For in house business. Rent Negotiable! All inquiries to ETPC Job #729 100 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA, 01845-5096

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First Run

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Miscellaneous

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ROOMMATES

METHUEN, MA: Roommate wanted. Large bedroom private, on bus line, all utilities included. no pets, \$150/wk. (978) 601-8051.

North Andover: Mature roommate to share 1st floor furnished home. Unfurnished bedroom. Utilities, cable, laundry included. Near Library, great location. \$750/mo. (978) 476-4621

First Run

PEABODY MA: Mature professional, non-smoking male, looking for clean single adult to share condo. Private bedroom & bath, off street parking \$690 + (781) 249-1190

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Employment

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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CHILD CARE

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DRIVERS

First Run

C&J Bus Lines is looking for a Part Time/Seasonal Customer Service/VALET attendant for our Newburyport Terminal 2 positions available or 1 split shift Mon-Fri 6-10am and 3:30-7:30pm Position to start early Feb. and end mid May. Qualifications: 18 years of age, Customer service experience, lift / load luggage, ability to drive a standard shift and valid license. Applications available at <http://www.nideci.com>

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GENERATOR: Gas, Homelite, 2250 watt. Excellent condition, Asking \$200 Call (978) 363-2935

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Allows your portable generator to safely be connected to your homes electrical system, SALE \$799 for Interlock Kit, 30 AMP outdoor outlet and 25' cord.

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Kit mounts to existing panel Gives flexibility to use any outlet or light throughout your house.

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High: 43° Low: 28°	High: 44° Low: 30°	High: 38° Low: 24°	High: 31° Low: 22°	High: 39° Low: 23°	High: 39° Low: 23°	High: 32° Low: 10°

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Census forms due back to town

The 2014 annual town census forms were mailed to Andover residents on Dec. 31. Residents are encouraged to complete and return their census forms as soon as possible. Special census deposit

boxes are available throughout town; locations are listed on the census form. Anyone who has misplaced or did not receive a census form can download one at <http://andoverma.gov/clerk/census.pdf>.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- 158 Beacon St.: Xiafang Barr to Ann D. Corkum, \$449,500
- 450 Brookside Drive, Unit A: David and Davud S. Fox to Kevin Yi, \$245,000
- 96 Burnham Road: Lindsay M. Rosen and Lindsay M. Murray to Steven and Meghan Jurkowski, \$518,000
- 97 Central St.: Brian T. Allen to Andrew M. and Natalia Giles, \$461,000

- 14 Clark Road: Marie Distefano to MJP Properties Inc., \$200,000
- 4 Courtney Lane: South Andover Dev. LLC to Bing Zhao and Xiaopeng Yang, \$749,900
- 26 Gould Road: Shuang Jim and Jianrong Chen to Christopher M. and Erica L. Wainer, \$560,000
- 76 Haverhill St.: Michael Moriarty to Anne Marie & Associates LLC, \$255,000
- 197 Highland Road: Marilyn L.

- Holmes Est. and Patricia Nitto to David B. and Geraldine Best, \$500
- 197 Highland Road: Marilyn L. Holmes Est. and Patricia Nitto to Kindred Homes Inc., \$353,000
- 17 Keystone Way: Seung K. and Kyung Lee to Dharan C. Sakthi and Shitak Brahmabhatt, \$745,000
- 241 Lowell St., Unit 2: Eunice Clark to Mary A. Saunders, \$275,000
- 43 Martingale Lane, Unit 43: Jacqueline M. Kovacs to Susan

- R. Wojtkun, \$499,900
- 26 Pasho St.: Efinger Pasho Street RT and Margaret A. Efinger to Robert E. and Colleen F. Anderson, \$435,000
- 4 Pleasant St.: Susan M. Deleo to Justin B. and Lindsay M. Murray, \$547,500
- 22 Railroad St., Unit 105: Kristi L. and David Bolduc to Agnes Dabek, \$215,500
- 23 Summer St., Unit 3: Henry B. Kells to Barry and Betsy Singelais, \$218,000

New Construction Townhouses

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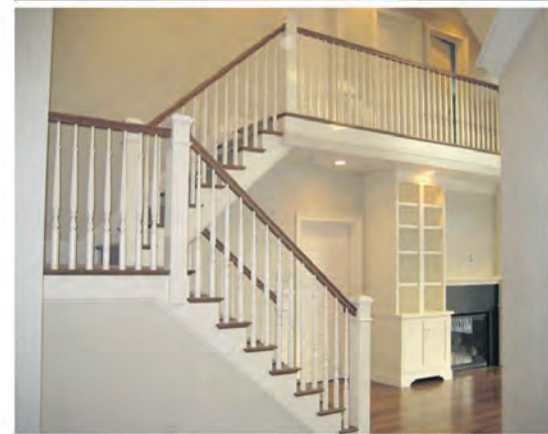


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