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Former Andover High principal finalist for top charter school post

By TIM LIMA
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Two months after his abrupt departure from Andover High School, Christopher Lord is now one of two finalists being considered for the principal's post at a top-ranking charter

school in Marlborough. Lord is in line for the principal's office at Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School, a regional school for students in grades six through 12. The school draws from Marlborough as well as neighboring Hudson, Maynard and Clinton for its

enrollment of nearly 1,000 students. The decade-old charter school first opened its doors in 2005 and is overseen by the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which approves the board of directors charged with its daily

operation. The academy focuses on the so-called STEM areas of education — science, technology, engineering and math — and has been recognized by U.S. News and World Reports as a Gold Medal School, ranked second in the state and 146th

nationally. News of Lord's status as a finalist for the charter school job provides the first indication of his whereabouts since he resigned from Andover High in early December. Lord left Andover mid-semester, with about six months left on his first

three-year contract with the school district. A statement released Dec. 5 by Superintendent Marinel McGrath indicated Lord he was resigning "to pursue another career opportunity," though no details were revealed.

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SNOWED IN



Piles of plowed snow leave little room for pedestrians to maneuver the sidewalks of Main Street last week. This week's storm made travel by foot even more tricky.

RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Back-to-back storms challenge cleanup efforts

By TIM LIMA AND BILL KIRK
Staff Writers

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In just over a week, Andover has been hit with 45 inches of snow: Nearly 3 feet of snow in the Blizzard of 2015 last Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by another 13 inches on Monday, with a few scattered snow showers here and there thrown in for good measure. For newly minted Highway

Superintendent Marc Fournier, who has been on the job for only about three months, it's been trial by fire — or, perhaps, snowflake.

Last week, town offices and schools were shut down and

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Maria Cortner, left, Patrick Enxing and Molly Aumais shovel off the ice skating rink at The Park last week. Difficult weather conditions combined with vandalism have made the rink almost unusable this winter.

Conflict raised in manager search

Retiring Stapczynski recuses himself from first stage of process

By BILL KIRK
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Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski recused himself last week from a Board of Selectmen's meeting held to discuss the search for his replacement after he revealed that his wife is a consultant for one of the three companies bidding on the search contract.

The revelation prompted a lengthy debate by selectmen, who decided that the quest for a search company needed to be widened to include national companies, not just regional or local ones.

"We want to make sure we get the best town manager candidate," Selectman Paul Salafia said. "This is a huge decision. Our end goal is the best candidate; out of that, we need the best search firm."

"In the next few years, we have very critical decisions to make and we have to give ourselves every opportunity to get the best possible town manager."

Human Resources Director Candace Wheeler said she would email 15 or 20 other companies to see if there is interest from firms outside New England to help Andover find a new town manager.

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Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski

Selectmen, School Committee races on March ballot

By BILL KIRK
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It should be a busy campaign season this year leading up to the March 24 town election, as there are now crowded races for selectmen and School Committee headed to the ballot. The deadline for filing

nomination papers was 5 p.m. Tuesday, and all but one candidate who had pulled papers turned in the requisite number of 50 signatures of registered voters to get their names on the ballot.

For selectmen, the four candidates running for the two available three-year seats are incumbents

■ **Five seeking temporary School Committee seat. Page 9**

Chairman Dan Kowalski of 24 Enfield Drive and Brian Major of 11 Odyssey Way. Challengers are Bob Landry of 4 Seminole Circle and Neil Senior of 14 Alderbrook

Road. For School Committee, there are actually six candidates — four of whom are running for two, three-year seats and two others running for a one-year seat to fill the unexpired term of Barbara L'Italien, who left the post to take her now job as state senator.

Campaigning for the two, three-year terms are incumbent David Birnbach of 86 Osgood St. and challengers Susan McCready of 8 Dean Circle, Kim Sousa of 4 Montclair Ave. and Ted Teichert of 5 Duffton Road.

A fifth candidate, Teresa Shirmer of 80 Center St., did not return her nomination

papers by Tuesday's filing deadline and said she opted against joining the race.

Teichert had originally planned to run for the one-year seat, but decided to seek one of the two open, three-year seats on the School Committee instead.

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Shell collector, beachcomber, award winner

Artist finds calling in New England-themed creations

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Marci and Joe Chamberlain left town in December, headed for Florida like many snowbirds from Andover.

The Chamberlains, who live on Morton Street in the house that Joe grew up in, were ready to trade in the cold winter for some southern sunshine.

"The only ice we see is at the bottom of a margarita," they said.

The only difference was that they had a huge, wooden lobster trap tied to the roof of their car.

This vestige of their New England

lives was no mistake — in fact, it would eventually become a piece of art that would go on to win plaudits and awards from the shell art community of southern Florida.

Beachcomber

Marci, 62, had also packed thousands of seashells — these were inside the car — as she had big decorating plans for that lobster trap.

While they spend five months of the year down south, the beach-loving Marci isn't exactly the sun-tanning,

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COURTESY PHOTO

Marci Chamberlain's bedazzled lobster "Sovereign of the Sea" won top awards recently from the Broward Shell Club of Pompano Beach, Fla., including Best in Show Professional and a first-place award for merit.

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STORM

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many businesses told their employees to stay put. Gov. Charlie Baker banned driving for all but plows and emergency vehicles.

Then this Monday, everything was canceled again, although no driving ban was imposed.

And even more snow was forecast for later this week.

Municipal Services Director Chris Cronin said the heavy snowfall may deplete the town's \$1.25 million snow removal account.

While school children rejoiced their fifth day off in seven school days, they may be lamenting those snow days when summer hits and they are stuck in a classroom while vacations beckon.

Even Merrimack College offered its help last week.

"Should your home lose power or heat, please feel free to come to the Sakowich Campus Center, which will be powered by generators and maintain food service for the duration of the storm," Felipe Schwarz, the college's assistant vice president of external affairs, wrote in an email sent to neighbors before the blizzard known as Juno hit last week.

"We've had differences of opinion with some of our neighbors, but in the end, we are neighbors," Jim Chiavelli, associate vice president for communications at the college, said, referring to recent disputes over the planned construction of new



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Claire Rees, 5, hauls her snow tube back up the hill at Andover High School last Thursday. Children had more chances to use their snow tubes and sleds early this week as a second storm led schools to be closed both Monday and Tuesday.

dormitories on campus. "If your neighbor is cold or hungry, you don't turn your back."

Apparently, nobody took advantage of the invitation, in part because there were few power outages.

"If this was heavy snow, (outages) would have been much worse," Fournier said.

Snowfall melts budget

Even before this week's storm, the town of Andover was close to spending its annual allotment for snow removal.

Cronin said the Blizzard of 2015 cost the town about \$450,000 out of the \$1.25 million allotted for snow removal.

Prior to last week's blizzard, town crews had already been out a few times for sanding operations.

"We've used \$900,000 out of the budget so far," he

efforts by more than 200 private contractors.

He said that while some plowmen like the extra work, and pay, others are exhausted and want to go home.

"But we have good crews here," he said. "They want to come in and work, and they work hard."

Students, meanwhile, experienced back-to-back snow days. In a district-wide email Monday night, Superintendent Marinel McGrath said that after conferring with town officials, the School Department could not "open schools safely" on Tuesday. All afternoon and evening athletic/fine arts practices and scheduled activities were called off for a second straight day as well.

"(Monday's) storm has proven to be challenging indeed," McGrath said, adding a broken water main was compounding cleanup efforts. "While municipal services has been working hard to keep up with the storm, the cleanup will continue well into (Tuesday) given the amount of snow on the ground from last week."

McGrath thanked parents and staff for their support and understanding through what she called "the snowiest stretch of winter in many years."

Ice rink snafu

Even the town-sponsored, outdoor ice rink at The Park has become a victim of Mother Nature.

Ed Ataide, deputy director of plant and facilities, said a new liner was installed last Friday after the old one was gouged by vandals. It was to have been filled, with the cold temperatures over the weekend allowing it to become frozen.

But then Monday's storm hit and it got covered again with a blanket of snow. To date, the rink has gotten little to no use this season.

Ataide said the town may want to rethink the rink.

"It's not level; it's 10 inches deep on one end and 3 inches deep on the other," he said, noting that the location needs to be changed.

Ataide said it may be a good idea to consider installing a permanent rink in town. "Maybe we need to fund it, and do it right. The way it is now, we put money in every year just to put it up and take it down," he said.

The town spends a couple thousand dollars a year on materials and labor to install the rink.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HEATHER CLEARY

Gavin Cleary, 7, left, and Liam Cleary, 9, dig out a fire hydrant on North Main Street after last week's blizzard. Andover police and fire officials have requested that residents help out by clearing the snow around hydrants in their neighborhoods.

Plea to residents: Clear snow from hydrants

By BILL KIRK
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around town.

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield is putting out a special appeal to snow-weary residents: Please grab the snow shovel one more time, go out and find the fire hydrant in your neighborhood and clear the snow away from it.

He said the town has about 1,200 hydrants and that it would take his department about three weeks to clear the snow from the recent series of storms away from all of them.

He is requesting people dig out at least a shovel-width around the hydrants — many of which are marked by the Water Department with plastic flags peeking out through the top of snowbanks.

But some of the snowbanks are so high even the plastic markers are obscured.

"We have crews going out clearing the target-hazard areas where there are schools, nursing homes, condos where there is the potential for high loss of life," Mansfield said. But his department simply doesn't have the manpower to dig out all of the hydrants

Further, public works crews are too busy digging out streets and sidewalks that they don't have time to clear the hydrants, either, he said.

"Typically, it falls on public safety," he said, noting that as of last Friday, only about 10 percent of the hydrants had been cleared.

Municipal Services Director Chris Cronin said public works crews were also helping.

"We are working on them now," he said last Friday. "It is part of what we do, but we can't get to all the hydrants. If the public wants to help, absolutely, they can help."

Mansfield said hydrant-clearing is a "public safety issue" because if there is a fire, it could take up to 25 minutes to find and dig out a hydrant while a structure burns.

"If you may benefit from it, if it's within a couple hundred feet or so, it would be nice to have it cleared," he said.

Last Thursday, the Fire Department responded to a residential electrical fire and was able to easily find the hydrant.

"It was nice because the hydrant had been dug out," Mansfield said.

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Bolstering the ranks

Swearing-in ceremony celebrates police promotions, new hires

By TIM LIMA

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Sunday.

Additional promotions

Family, friends and fellow officers were on hand last week to see 10 newly appointed lieutenants, sergeants, patrolmen and reserve intermittent officers sworn in to their new roles with the Andover Police Department.

Addressing the dozens of people who filled the department's training room, Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski said that Andover is "very fortunate to be able to have the breadth and the depth of the talent that we do in the community."

Stapczynski also stressed the importance of backup for officers, both on and off duty.

"The job that these men and women have requires backup," he said. "They have backup in the streets. They have backup in the department and they have backup with their training."

"But they also need backup at home from their loved ones. They see things on the street that most normal people like myself and the average resident in the town doesn't see, won't see, and doesn't want to see."

The ceremony was highlighted by the promotion of Cecilia Blais to the rank of lieutenant. Following last Thursday's ceremony, Blais officially became the highest-ranking female officer in the Andover Police Department's 115-year history.

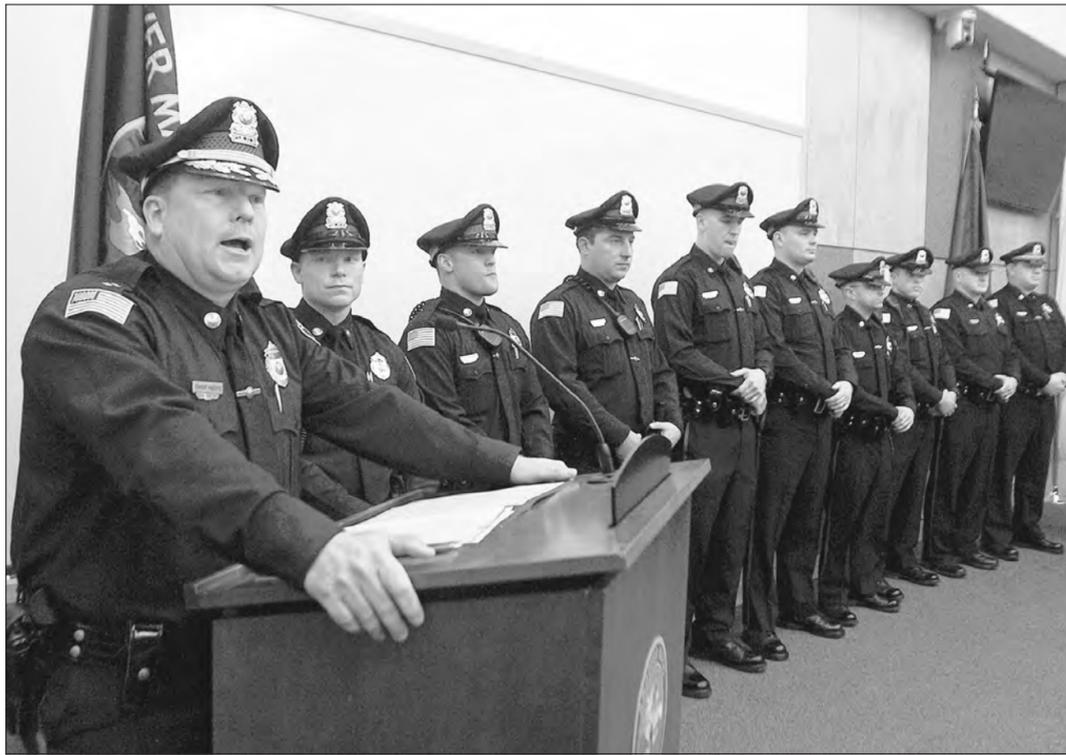
Blais joined the department in 1986 and has worked as a patrolman, prosecutor and as the town's first D.A.R.E. instructor. After holding the rank of sergeant since 2001, she began her duties as lieutenant on

■ Stephen Neal, a 15-year veteran of the department, was promoted to sergeant. In his career, Neal has held positions on patrol, on the traffic unit and as a K-9 officer. Andover Police Chief Patrick Keefe said that Neal's promotion is a result of serving the department with "honor and distinction" throughout his career. The chief said he will be an asset to the department in his new role as a supervisor.

■ Joseph Allard, Christopher Hughes and Barry Dubois were each sworn in as full-time Andover Police officers after graduating from the Boylston Police Academy in December. Keefe said that the three new officers are currently learning the department's policies, procedures, rules, regulations and town geography. He expects them to be on their own by April.

■ Five reserve intermittent officers — who will be called on when needed and be the next full-time officers hired when positions open up — were sworn into their roles. Keefe said that Derek Deranian, Kyle MacKenzie, Matthew McMahon, Thomas Paolera and Daniel Vining finished the Reserve Police Academy last May and have since completed the department's internal training program.

"I can't be more proud as a chief," Keefe said. "We have a great bunch of reserve officers coming up. We have a great start with some new officers, and we have two great superior officers coming aboard, so I'm very proud of everybody. I consider myself very lucky."



Police Chief Patrick Keefe, left, speaks at the beginning of last week's swearing-in ceremony for new and promoted officers at the public safety headquarters.

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Cecilia Blais is sworn in as Andover's first female police lieutenant during last week's ceremony. Blais was promoted from sergeant after nearly 30 years with the department.

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Edward Pellerin, 82

08/08/1933 — 01/19/2015

LAWRENCE — J. Edward (Eddy) Pellerin died on Monday, January 19, at his home in Orange. Mr. Pellerin was born and raised in Lawrence. He was an attendant of St. Anne Church, Lawrence. He worked at Lawrence Packaging Company for many years. His family members include two children, Michael Pellerin and Mark Pellerin of Massachusetts, and his sister, Lucille Bergeron of Ashburn, Va. He

also leaves several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by parents, Antonio and Juliette Pellerin; his brothers, Napoleon, Wilfred, William, Robert and Normand Pellerin, and his sister, Rita Gosselin.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was held in St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lawrence, on January 31, 2015 at 11 a.m. The interment followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover.



Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Joseph Davies, 92 Years

July 17, 1922 — January 16, 2015

ANDOVER — Lt. Col. Thomas Joseph Davies, a resident of Andover, and beloved husband of Mary J. (Timony) Davies, died at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H., on Friday, January 16, 2015. He was 92 years old.

Born in Andover on July 17, 1922, he was the beloved son of the late Thomas J. and Mabelle G. Davies. A career veteran, Mr. Davies was an Air Force Pilot for more than 20 years. He was the Base Commander at the Grenier Air Force Base in Manchester, N.H., now known as the Manchester/Boston Regional Airport. He received his honorable discharge on October 1, 1970. In civilian life, Tom was the manager for the Lawrence Airport for more than 10 years, and continued to enjoy flying. He was proud to be a li-

censed pilot, until his passing. Tom lived with his son and daughter-in-law for the past two-and-a-half years in their home and enjoyed his grandchildren in his final years. He will be dearly missed.

Besides his beloved wife, Mary, Tom is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Thomas J. Davies III of Bradenton, Fla., and Richard M. Davies, and his wife, Susan M. Davies of Atkinson, N.H.; grandchildren, Danielle and Michaela Davies, both of Atkinson; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be privately held. Donations in Tom's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemaglozzi.com.

Tsongas named to positions on Natural Resources, Armed Services committees

STAFF REPORTS

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas has been named the highest-ranking Democratic member on the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Federal Lands. Tsongas was elected to the position by her colleagues.

The Subcommittee on Federal Lands, which was previously called Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, is responsible for all matters related to the National Park System, U.S. Forests, public lands and national monuments.

Tsongas says the leadership position will provide her a platform to continue and expand her work in multiple areas important to the district she represents and to the country as a whole. The Massachusetts Third District, which includes a portion of Andover, is home to several national historic

and wildlife areas, such as Minuteman National Park and Lowell National Historic Park.

"We have a long-standing practice in the commonwealth of preserving natural habitats and protecting open spaces for public benefit, and I will draw from that tradition as I take on this leadership role," Tsongas said in a release. "I am honored to have earned the respect of my colleagues and look forward to using this opportunity to work across the aisle for the preservation and growth of all the diverse, beautiful and historic lands spread across our great nation."

In addition to leading the Federal Lands Subcommittee, Tsongas will also continue serving as a member of the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

Also, Tsongas will continue as a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, where she has become a leading national voice on numerous issues impacting the nation's servicemen and women, including the fight against sexual assault in the military and improving and modernizing body armor.

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POLICE LOG

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Monday, Jan. 26 Arrest

Amy Jamina, 37, of 66 Bowdoin St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street at 8:17 a.m. on warrant charges.

Incidents

A 911 caller from Andover Street reported at 3:32 p.m. that his snow blower was stolen from his yard. Officers reported the 27-inch, red Honda snow blower was taken in the past two hours.

A caller from Union Street reported at 8:29 p.m. that his friend's neighbor's dog was outside during a blizzard. Responding officers reported that the dog had a kennel attached to the shed that was covered, and saw no issues with the situation.

Tuesday, Jan. 27 Incidents

A caller from High Street reported that his neighbor was plowing snow onto his property at 7:56 a.m. Officers reported that the neighbor would return home to remove the snow.

The Highway Department reported at 8:34 a.m. that a plow contractor was pushing snow onto the street. Police spoke to the contractor, informed him of the town bylaw and asked him to remove the snow.

A caller from Longwood Drive reported a water main break at 10:04 p.m. between buildings adjacent to Crescent Drive. The Water Department was notified.

Thursday, Jan. 29 Arrest

David Pekarovich, 19, of 111 Main St., Apt. 5, Andover, was arrested at his home at 10:47 a.m. on warrant charges.

Incidents

A 911 caller from Elm Street at 2:45 p.m. reported that an elderly woman fell in the snow. The caller then said that some people were helping the woman, and it did not look like she needed an ambulance. Officers checked the area but did not see the woman.

Detectives reported that they were helping a driver get his car out of a River

Road snowbank at 3:19 p.m.

A caller reported that his car was stuck in a snowbank on Farrwood Drive at 6:13 p.m. and that he had subsequently locked himself out of his car.

Friday, Jan. 30 Arrest

Zachary Johnson, 25, of 11 Woodcrest Drive, Tewksbury, was arrested on River Road at 1:07 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class A substance.

Incident

A 16-year-old male from Candlewood Drive thought he overdosed on a marijuana cookie at 11:37 p.m. Officer Daniel Devine spoke with the boys' parents.

Saturday, Jan. 31 Arrests

Anika Apar, 29, of 104 Bailey Road, Andover, was arrested at 12:08 a.m. on High Plain Road and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

Keila Correia, 20, of 110 Walnut St., Apt. 3, Somerville, was arrested at 1:11 a.m. on Murray Way and charged with trespassing.

Incidents

A caller from Punched Avenue reported at 11:17 a.m. that large icicles were hanging from the wires in the area. Officers reported that they were extending from a pole to a house and attempted to notify the homeowner. National Grid was also notified.

Sunday, Feb. 1 Incidents

A 911 caller from the Wyndham Hotel on River Road reported at 1:55 a.m. that she was "concerned about my husband," then hung up. Police called back, but the hotel could not tell where the call came from. Security checks were conducted of all floors. It was eventually determined that it was a family issue.

Guardian Ambulance called police at 10:33 a.m. regarding a male of an unknown age who had consumed a bottle of cough syrup and 34 pills. The type of pill was not known. The Fire Department transported the patient to Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

2nd heroin death at Beverly recovery school

By PAUL LEIGHTON
Staff Writer

Less than three weeks after substance abuse claimed the life of a young woman who grew up in Andover, a second student from Northshore Recovery High School in Beverly has died from an apparent heroin overdose.

On the heels of the Jan. 3 death of 18-year-old Kelly Jonson following a New Year's morning overdose in Andover, another 18-year-old who had attended the

recovery school has lost his life, according to reports.

Daniel Amor of Beverly, who had attended the school for three years, died Jan. 21.

Their deaths marked the first two fatal tragedies in the seven-plus-year history of the recovery school, one of three in the state for students with a history of substance abuse.

Their loss also added to a grim total that officials have labeled an epidemic. Essex County had 145 suspected overdose deaths in 2014, up

from 66 in 2013 and 23 in 2010, according to the District Attorney's office. As of last week, there had been 11 in the county already this year.

The loss of both students has devastated the staff and students at North Shore Recovery, according to Principal Michelle Lipinski, who helped start the school in 2007. She said there has been a "cultural shift" among younger people toward heroin use as an acceptable behavior.

"It's not spoken of as such

a taboo as it was five years ago," she said, "and I can't explain it."

Lipinski said 70 to 80 percent of the students at Northshore Recovery School are "dead sober" and have been in recovery for months or years. For all of the grief her staff is experiencing, she said, the deaths of Amor and Johnson have also strengthened their determination.

"It's furthered their conviction to sticking this out and staying in this game," she said.

Massachusetts Lottery eyes ad campaign to fight expected revenue loss to casinos

By CHRISTIAN M. WADE
CNHI State Reporter

With Las Vegas-style gambling coming to Massachusetts, state Lottery officials are preparing to fight for every dollar amid concerns that casinos will drain a much-needed source of money for cities and towns.

To lessen the blow of increased competition, state Treasurer Deborah Goldberg wants to ramp up advertising to attract and retain players for the Lottery, which reported \$4.9 billion in sales last year.

Goldberg, who took office Jan. 21, has asked lawmakers to boost the Lottery's advertising budget to \$10 million — a \$2 million increase.

"In a competitive environment, there's only a certain amount of money to spend on gambling and entertainment," said Goldberg, a Brookline Democrat. "We want to own the market, and the best way to do that is through advertising and innovation."

The Lottery's current \$8 million advertising budget is lowest among states with comparable lotteries, Goldberg said, and increasing ad spending will boost annual revenues.

"The last thing you want to do when you're trying to increase revenue is cut advertising," she said. "And especially not when new competition is moving into your backyard."

Goldberg said Lottery

officials will also update their "outdated and inefficient" terminals and operating system. Bids for the upgrade, paid for by a bond bill approved last year by the Legislature, are scheduled to go out next week.

Other states with lotteries spend much more on advertising. New York, which also has casino gambling, spends \$92.2 million while California spends \$65 million and Florida \$37.5 million, according to figures from gaming officials in each state.

Goldberg said a recent campaign for the Lottery's season ticket program — which allows people to buy the same lottery number for an entire year -- is a good example of the return on advertising investments. The state spent \$1.9 million on a television spot, including \$413,139 on production costs, and generated more than \$972 million in season ticket sales, a 6.5 percent increase from the previous year.

Lottery officials fear those revenues will evaporate as gamblers put their money into slots and gaming tables.

A 2011 law allowed for three casinos and a slots parlor to be built in the Bay State. Two licenses have been awarded for casinos in Springfield and Everett and a slots parlor at a racetrack in Plainfield. All are expected to be operational in the next two years.

A third casino location, slated for the southeastern corner of the state, is

expected to be announced over the summer.

The state's casino law survived a ballot box challenge in November from opponents who say casinos will bring crime and traffic, and seldom deliver on promised money for communities. Supporters say casinos will create good jobs and provide needed tax revenue.

Massachusetts will take 49 percent of gambling revenues from the slots parlor and 25 percent from the casinos in taxes when the projects open.

The Lottery — which drummed up \$974 million in profits in fiscal year 2014 — is a vital source of funding for schools and local governments.

Last year, the anti-casino gambling group Repeal the Casino Deal released a study suggesting that Las Vegas-style gambling will cost the state's 351 communities more than \$100 million a year in lost Lottery sales.

The study projected that the state's Lottery will take a 21.9 percent hit in the first year of operation for all four new casinos, offsetting the local share of state gaming taxes collected from the casinos.

North Shore and Merrimack Valley cities and towns could forfeit more than \$10 million in local aid, according to the report.

Casino supporters argued that revenue from gambling will be a windfall for the state's communities.

Under the state's casino law, each operator must pay an \$85 million licensing fee and 25 percent in taxes on annual revenue. A slots parlor will be required to pay a \$25 million license fee and 49 percent in taxes.

In the long run, casino revenue could generate \$300 million to \$400 million a year, according to the state Gaming Commission. That money would go toward education, municipalities and other budget items, officials said.

Sara Rayme, senior vice president of public affairs for the American Gaming Association, said casinos will mean millions of dollars for state coffers and suggested that the relationship with the Lottery wouldn't be adversarial.

"In states around the country, lottery sales have increased — and set new records — following the introduction of casino gaming. In Massachusetts, casinos will partner with the Lottery and serve as an effective sales outlet," she said.

Goldberg wouldn't speculate on how big a hit the Lottery could take from the increased competition.

"Whatever it is, whether it's one penny or \$100 million, it's too much," she said. "The Lottery is critical to every city and town in the state and we don't want to give up any ground."

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ARTIST

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lie-on-the towel type.

Each snowbird season, she travels south with a seashell project plan hatched in the northern climes of Andover.

A serious shell collector, she visits many New England beaches in the summer, picking through the flotsam and jetsam of rocky or sandy shoals, looking for small treasures that will eventually make up a larger piece of artwork. She also picks up shells during beach outings in Florida, and buys the rest from a Florida shell dealer.

"Shells tend to be beige and brown, but I like shiny and regal shells ... the dealer can get those," she said.

Award-winner

Armed with fine arts and master's degrees from UMass, she wastes no time creating and designing shell sculptures that clearly are popular in Florida.

She just won top awards for her lobster-on-a-trap design from the Broward Shell Club of Pompano Beach, Fla., including Best in Show Professional and a first-place award for merit.

She named her bedazzled lobster "Sovereign of the Sea" and was honored last month for the masterpiece. The lobster trap itself comes from Bailey's Island in Maine.

"We were there eating at a restaurant with friends one day last summer when I saw all these lobster traps and I started thinking and ... I bought one," she said.

Marci grew up in Worcester and lived in Sterling until she met Joe and moved to Andover. The couple lived on Hampton Beach for 11 years before returning to Andover in 2013.

Florida customers truly like her work. One woman in Palm Beach paid big bucks last year for a sailfish bedazzled by Marci. The piece was another Broward Shell Club top prize winner in 2013. The sailfish decorates the woman's condominium.

"We even delivered it," she said. "I wanted to make sure



COURTESY PHOTO

Snowbirds Joe and Marci Chamberlain of Andover travel south for the winter, where she pursues her passion for shell art, including her recent award-winning lobster on a trap piece.

it was going to a good home and it did," said Marci, who did not care to share the sailfish's selling price.

She's confident "Sovereign" will be sold to a seafood restaurant in Florida as the giant shell lobster will surely attract customers, she said.

Sailor's valentines

She also designs sailor's valentines, an art form of shells that are typically a sentimental gift. The history of this intricate octagonal shell design dates back to the 1800s when sailors made them for loved ones after being away at sea for a long time.

Sailor's valentines by Marci were for sale at a Rockport art gallery where they caught the eye of Hollywood actress Sandra Bullock when she filmed scenes for the 2009 movie, "The Proposal." Bullock bought four of them, Marci said.

Her large sailor's valentines fetch some \$800 to \$1,200 while smaller ones cost \$200 to \$300.

The wife of Hollywood actor Adam Sandler also bought a few when he was filming the 2013 release "Grown Ups II" in nearby Essex.

The Chamberlains return to Andover in April when Marci can start thinking about her next shell design project.

"This is my pride and joy," she said of her shell designs. "Anything to keep me on the beach."

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YMCA project hits a milestone

By BILL KIRK

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The lead donors and other supporters of the Merrimack Valley YMCA's \$21 million expansion of its Andover/North Andover branch put their mark on the project last week by adding their signatures to a 14-foot beam that will be part of the permanent structure.

The event celebrated and recognized about 60 lead donors — those who gave more than \$10,000 — to the project and also signified an important milestone as the YMCA enters the final stages of a multi-year, multi-phase endeavor to expand the space and programs offered at the Haverhill Street facility.

In the end, the existing, 50,000-square-foot building will be completely renovated and the new building will double in size, adding 50,000 square feet of new program space.

The newly renovated facility will feature a number of enhancements, including a new childcare development center, an expanded aquatics facility, active living center for older adults, expanded wellness center, an active learning center and a rehabilitation center operated by Lawrence General Hospital.

Gary Morelli, the Y's chief operating officer, said the event was the "culmination of a capital campaign that's been going on for several years."

He said the steel beam, which was sitting on the floor next to the temporary partition running down the center of the gym, is intended to be placed in the new part of the building.

Kevin Smithson of Andover, one of those who donated more than \$10,000 to the campaign, said he got involved when his son became active in the YMCA's Youth Basketball League.

"It sort of blossomed from there," he said. "I'm very proud to be a part of this. I hope it is here for my kids and their kids."

Tom Urbelis, Andover's



Rosalyn Wood, left, a donor to the Andover/North Andover YMCA branch renovation project, and Beth Smithson, a member of the building committee, sign a steel beam that will become a permanent part of the renovated facility. The \$21 million construction project is entering the final stages of fundraising.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos



Andover residents Vicky and Don Robb, donors and dedicated volunteers of the Andover/North Andover YMCA, and Rosalyn Wood, who donated \$1 million to the renovation project, offer a champagne toast at last week's beam-signing event.

town counsel and president of the Andover Home for Aged People, said the trust donated more than \$10,000 because the new facility will be involved in programming for senior citizens.

Rosalyn Wood, also of Andover, agreed. She donated \$1 million to the effort, saying she did so because "somebody needed to create a connection between the YMCA and the (Punchard) senior center."

She said programming at the Punchard Center is intended to be coordinated with programming at the YMCA and the Cormier Youth Center, which is also

under construction.

Josh Miner, executive director of the Stevens Foundation, said his organization usually donates to programs in Lawrence, but that it made a donation to the Andover/North Andover YMCA project because it is connected to the Lawrence and Methuen facilities.

"This chapter helps support other chapters," he said, noting that Stephen Ives, chairman of the YMCA's board of directors, has done a great job of creating partnerships between various organizations in the Merrimack Valley, including Merrimack

College, Lawrence General Hospital and the YMCA, among others.

The \$21 million cost of the expansion is being paid for through fundraising efforts and tax-exempt bond financing provided by Enterprise Bank.

The YMCA has raised the additional \$7.5 million through fundraising efforts, led by a dedicated group of volunteers including Capital Campaign Chairman William McCartney of Andover.

For more information about the building expansion, visit <http://andoverproject.mvymca.org/>.

BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Under My Roof expands services

Under My Roof In Home Care LLC, a new Chelmsford-based company that extends into Andover, has started providing services for seniors and people who need assistance in order to remain independent in their homes.

Company president David Hawthorne says his company was developed based on a person-centered approach that empowers people to be more independent rather than solely relying on others. Under My Roof In Home Care's services include meal preparation, personal care, light housekeeping, errands, companionship, and whatever else someone may need to be able to stay in their homes with the greatest level of independence possible.

For more information, visit www.undermyroofinc.com.

New VP for Home Health Foundation

Kristine DiFiore, PHR, of Andover, has been named the new vice president of human resources for Home Health Foundation, consisting of Home Health VNA, Merrimack Valley Hospice and HomeCare, Inc.



Kristine DiFiore

DiFiore has more than 11 years of experience working with nonprofits, with skills in all areas of human resources. Most recently, she worked as the director of human resources at Mary Immaculate Health Care Services.

Fitness Together's new Andover site hosting open house

Fitness Together unveils its new Andover location at 166 North Main St. with an open house on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event will offer an opportunity to learn more about Fitness Together's model of private and semi-private personal training options to help ease people's anxiety with working out in front of others. All programs are customized to the client, whether they have been injured in the past, want to get ready for their wedding or want to run their first 5K.

Guests will enjoy complimentary food, beverages, music and raffle prizes, along with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Families are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 978-623-8181 or visit www.FTAndover.com.

LeTip networking meets weekly

LeTip Merrimack Valley Executives, a business networking group, meets on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Atria at Marland Place, 15 Steven St., Andover.

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For the second consecutive year, ALKU announces its placement at No. 66 on Forbes' America's Most Promising Companies list for 2015.

The fourth annual list recognizes 100 privately held, high-growth companies for their compelling business models, strong management teams, as well as notable customers.

ALKU, which posts annual revenue of \$68 million, is one of four Massachusetts companies on the list.

"Based on the passion of our employees, this award is really special to us," ALKU CEO Mark Eldridge said in a release. "It's special because our people all have a lot of potential, and if that potential is fulfilled, it will convert to promise for their careers and the company's advancement. We are honored to be on this list."

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Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

What is the Community Meeting?

The Andover Community Meeting is an opportunity for all Andover residents, businesses and other members of the community to meet with staff and experts from National Grid to learn about the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project, a proposed transmission line that will be built along the existing rights-of-way in seven towns in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

What is the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project?

The Merrimack Valley Reliability Project (MVRP) is a proposed new 345-kV overhead transmission line stretching from Londonderry, NH, to Tewksbury, MA. The MVRP is one component of the Greater Boston and New Hampshire Solution, a response to the growing demand for electricity in the area. This project will play a critical role in updating the region's electrical transmission system to ensure increased performance and reliability, while producing substantial economic benefits in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

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New library parking payment system draws ire

By TIM LIMA
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A new parking payment system recently installed at Memorial Hall Library has experienced some technical problems, leaving some frustrated about having to pay at all.

"Some people are complaining because of two main reasons," Director Beth Mazin said. "One, they don't think it's right to have to pay for parking at the library. And two, the new system hasn't been working perfectly all the time and it is difficult to learn a new system while you stand in the cold."

People have always hated paying for parking at the library, Mazin said, but now they have to. For several years, parking was paid for

by inserting change into coin meters, but half of the meters were broken. As a result, some patrons didn't have to pay when they visited the library.

Now, the meters have been replaced by a new, electronic system, allowing customers to pay with cash or a credit card. But this method has taken some getting used to.

"With the meters, you could use nickels and dimes for shorter periods of time and the meters were right where your car was," Mazin said. "The new system has its strengths, but quickness of use isn't one of them."

Called Pay by Space, the new method lets people pay for parking in advance by entering the number of their space into a computer. Each parking space has a painted



TIM LIMA/Staff photo

Memorial Hall Library's new electronic payment system for its parking lot has experienced some glitches.

number assigned to it.

In a memo sent to patrons last week, Mazin said that the new system has had some problems, though the Andover Police Department,

which monitors the parking, is "working every day to improve the system and get it working optimally for everyone."

The Memorial Hall Library's

location on North Main Street has much to do with why its parking isn't free, Mazin said.

"If we didn't charge, the lot would be full of people parking all day who are taking the train to Boston or working in local businesses," she wrote in her memo. "Then, there wouldn't be much parking at all available for our patrons. Charging is the lesser of two evils, so the town charges."

While the library is growing rapidly in popularity, its parking system is admittedly far from perfect.

"We know what you like least about us is the parking situation," Mazin said in the email memo. "We want you to know that we feel your pain, and are doing everything we can under the circumstances to get the new system working right all the time."

THINGS TO KNOW

- Parking is 25 cents per half hour, or \$2 for up to four hours.
- Cars with a handicapped placard can park anywhere in the lot for free.
- Kiosks do not make change. If you put in a large bill, the only way to request a refund is to talk with someone in the treasurer's office at Town Hall.
- The credit card option only works with Visa and MasterCard and has been slow.
- On evenings and weekends when the lot is crowded, over-flow parking is permitted in the bank parking lots, as long as the bank isn't open.
- Payment is required Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The lot is free after 6 p.m., on Sunday, and on holidays.

Town Notebook: Inauguration, MMA Conference keep officials on the move

By BILL KIRK
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Town officials have been hobnobbing in Boston lately with the mucky-mucks of the political world, including governors, former governors and other city and town officials from around the state.

On Jan. 8, Selectman Alex Vispoli ventured out in the sub-zero weather to attend Gov. Charlie Baker's inaugural bash at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

The party, described as "glitzy" by some media outlets, was a well-attended affair, Vispoli said.

"There were a lot of people there from Andover and the Merrimack Valley," he said, estimating the crowd at 3,000 to 4,000 people.

He said the crowd was decidedly "bipartisan, with both Democrats and Republicans alike. It was a good cross-section."

There was live music from different bands, VIP seating for some, and lots of mingling with current and former state officials.

Vispoli's wife, Ann, got a nice picture of the selectman standing with former Gov. William Weld and current Gov. Charlie Baker. Vispoli, a Republican, ran for state senator this year but lost to Andover resident Barbara L'Italien, a Democrat



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover was well represented at last month's Massachusetts Municipal Association conference in Boston with, from left, selectmen Alex Vispoli and Mary O'Donoghue and Finance Committee member Joanne Marden among those from town attending the annual meeting and trade show on Jan. 23.

who swept into office with the help of a hefty vote from Lawrence.

Comparing notes at annual municipal trade show

Vispoli also mingled at another Boston event — the Massachusetts Municipal Association's annual meeting and trade show in Boston on Jan. 23, where he got his picture snapped with fellow Selectman Mary O'Donoghue and Finance Committee member Joanne Marden.

O'Donoghue, still in the first year of her inaugural term on the Board of Selectmen, said the event was eye-opening for her as she was able to hear firsthand what the Baker administration has in store for cities and towns.

"It was very interesting," she said. "The governor's message was a very different message than what we had heard (from the past administration). He is telling municipal leaders what he is and isn't going to do, without the associated politics of years past."

"On local aid, he said, 'We're not going to touch it. We've got problems with the budget, and we've got to solve it without hitting cities or towns.' I saw more of a commitment to communities than I'd heard in the past."

She said she also heard Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito speak about "the compact" the governor's office is trying to establish with cities and towns.

"I think this administration really wants to reach out to towns and cities," she said. "They are saying, 'We really want to help you.'"

Other locals reportedly at the MMA conference were Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, Selectman Brian Major, Finance Committee member Linn Anderson and Highway Department Director Marc Fournier.

Coming attractions: New cameras may open more town meetings to viewing

By BILL KIRK
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Ever wonder what the Green Advisory Board was up to? How about the Patriotic Holiday Committee? Want to see what's what with the Ballardvale Historic District Commission?

For years, lesser-known boards and commissions in town have held their meetings without the benefit of being videotaped for live viewing or for later broadcast on Andover TV, simply because there wasn't enough equipment or video technicians to do the job.

That may be changing now that Andover TV has set up self-recording equipment in two conference rooms in the Town Offices building, with a third location to be established in the School Committee room on the second floor of the Punchard Center.

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski said the cable station has set up fixed, wide-view cameras in second- and third-floor conference rooms that can be easily switched on and off by whom-ever is running the meeting. He himself has "self-recorded" two selectmen's meetings so far.

"It's just six steps," he said. "Turning dials and switches and buttons. They've made it very easy."

Kowalski said major boards and commissions, such as the Board Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission, are currently recorded by Andover TV staff. But other groups, such as the Youth Center Building Committee and the Sign Review Board, among many others, are not recorded. The new technology would enable any board or commission to be videotaped for viewing by the public.

"It's a great opportunity to share what boards and committees are doing," Kowalski said, "as long as they are in one of the two conference rooms" or in the School Committee room.

He noted that it might require certain groups to relocate to one of the rooms that is enabled with the new technology.

The town may consider adopting a policy requiring that all proceedings by town boards and commissions be televised, Kowalski said.

"Now that we have the capability, we need to discuss it as a board and define a policy," he said.

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A wintry arrival for The Andovers

As winter firmly takes hold of the region, the new issue of The Andovers Magazine strolls into the season with plenty to warm up to.

Inside, readers will enjoy a spotlight on a popular seasonal tradition in the Andovers — the allure of the backyard skating rink.

Local families invite us onto their rinks for a skate and share what goes into creating one's own personal rink of dreams.

Readers will also visit with a herd of furry alpacas that has found a welcoming community in Andover and sit in for a set at Crossroads Music Series, which has been entertaining audiences at North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in North Andover for a quarter-century. The new issue also includes a look back

at the Boston Celtics dynasty of the 1950s and 1960s through the eyes of Lynn Luscutoff, the wife of one of its star players who together have raised their family in Andover for the past 50 years. It closes with a behind-the-scenes look at the rapid brushstrokes of speed painter Rob Surette.

All this and more await readers in the new issue of The Andovers. Pick the quarterly lifestyles magazine up on newsstands at these locations:

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Have an idea for an upcoming edition? Contact editor Sonya Vartabedian at 978-691-8733 or svartabedian@theandovers-magazine.com.

Arts, gym and more for February school vacation

The Department of Community Services is offering a variety of programs for kids this February school vacation week, including a

theater/arts program, sports program and a babysitting program. Children's Studio for the Arts has been a staple

summer program with DCS for 22 years offering daily workshops led by professional visual artists/educators, stagecraft, drama,

dance and musical theater. The vacation week version will be paired down to fit in a half-day session running from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Feb. 17 through Friday, Feb. 20. It will be led by Children's Studio for the Arts director and Sanborn Elementary School teacher Beth-Ann Price.

If sports are of interest, a week-long SPORTACULAR will be run by South School gym teacher David Giribaldi. The program caters to children in grades kindergarten through five. It offers

morning sessions filled with gym games, arts and crafts and outside play. Kids can sign up by the day or attend all week.

DCS is also offering a new Safe Babysitting course for ages 10 to 15. The one-day session meets Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Town Offices on Bartlett Street. It will be led by staff from the Winchester Hospital Center for Healthy Living and cover basic first aid emergencies, performing choke-saving

procedures, handling fire and safety emergencies, age-appropriate activities and diaper changing and washing skills.

The course will be repeated Friday, May 8 (an early-release school day) from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., also at the Town Offices, and Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clubhouse in Recreation Park.

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Five seeking temporary school board seat

By TIM LIMA AND BILL KIRK
Staff writers

Five people have expressed interest in filling a temporary seat on the School Committee.

The candidates are former selectmen Ted Teichert and John Hess; former School Committee member Don Robb, and Joanne Gantz Bendetson and attorney Diane McCarron, who are both active in local school affairs.

The Board of Selectmen and School Committee are scheduled to hold a joint meeting this Thursday at 6:45 p.m. to vote on the new member who will serve until the town election on March 24. The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday, but was postponed due to the snowstorm.

The short-term appointment will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Barbara L'Italien who has assumed her new role as state senator from the 2nd Essex and Middlesex District. Voters in March will then elect a new member to serve out the remaining one year of L'Italien's term.

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski said last week that four candidates had submitted their letters or emails of interest by the filing

deadline, which was last Friday at noon. One candidate filed after the deadline and selectmen will have to decide whether to consider that individual's candidacy, he said.

Under state law, the temporary position is to be filled by a majority vote of the five-member Board of Selectmen and the remaining four members of the School Committee. The vote is scheduled to take place in the School Committee Room of Town Hall, before the School Committee conducts its regular meeting.

Officials have said preference would be given to a candidate with prior School Committee or municipal experience.

Robb, of York Street, said in his letter of interest that he feels the temporary position would be perfect for him. He previously spent 10 years on the School Committee and also has 10 years experience on the Finance Committee. He said he has no interest in running for a permanent spot on the School Committee.

"Their major concern, as I saw it, was budget preparation and budget negotiations and how the school's budget would be presented at Town Meeting," he said. "With my past board experience, I feel

like I can very quickly come up to speed whereas someone who didn't have that background would take longer."

McCarron, who has campaigned unsuccessfully for the School Committee in the past, said she had hoped a former school board member would apply, but in case one didn't, she would step in. A parent of children in the school system, she holds a degree in accounting and a law degree and has 20 years of professional experience in accounting with a state agency.

She said she has also been active in the West Elementary School PTO and Doherty Parent Advisory Council.

"My background provides a perspective capable of considering school needs along with town needs," she said, adding that she is happy with the current direction of town and school policies and was "fully supportive of maintaining this direction."

Teichert is campaigning for one of the permanent openings in the School Committee this March. He said the temporary position would allow him to immediately step into the role, saying that he wants to help the committee anyway he can.

He said because his

previous board experience was so recent, having left the Board of Selectmen just three years ago, Teichert said he'd be up to date on many current issues and it wouldn't take him long to adjust.

"I was a selectman for 12 years and have worked with both boards," he said. "And now, if I filled the temporary seat, I'd help with budget discussions or budget issues as they come up."

Bendetson said she is interested in the position because she is "passionate about education." She holds a master's degree from Tufts University in Medford, with a specialty in special education.

"Andover needs more educators to get involved," she said. "If you are looking for someone with a background in education who is willing to ask challenging questions, I would be honored to help out in any way I can."

As a former selectman, Hess said he was "very aware of the budget and the budget process that will be the major focus of the School Committee in the next two months." He is involved in numerous town activities and initiatives, including with the Andover Village Improvement Society.

PRINCIPAL

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McGrath has declined to offer any other information on what led Lord to part ways with Andover.

Andover School Committee members have said they were not aware of Lord's decision to resign until right before McGrath's Dec. 5 announcement to parents and staff.

Some school board members have acknowledged the issue is a personnel matter, which falls under McGrath's purview, not under that of the School Committee.

According to the Advanced Math and Science Academy's website, the school has been without a principal since last summer following the resignation of Jay Sweeney amid criticism from some parents and teachers about his management style. Sweeney had served as principal since the early days of the charter school.

The first principal's search failed to identify a suitable candidate for the job and a second search was launched this fall, according to various online reports.

Lord is up against the current principal of Winchendon's Murdock High School for the position. Joshua Romano, a major in the Massachusetts Army National Guard, has 17 years of combined teaching and administrative experience in Massachusetts, according to his resume.

Lord spent just two full school years at Andover High, arriving in July 2012 to become the school's third principal in four years. He had been living in North Andover. Attempts to contact him since his departure from town have been unsuccessful.

Prior to coming to Andover, Lord spent 12 years as principal of the Charles Shea High School in Pawtucket, R.I., where he was a runner-up for the state's principal of the year award.

However, he was forced to leave the inner-city school, essentially fired as a result of the No Child Left Behind Act for not meeting its graduation-rate requirements, even while parents, students and other principals praised him for the work he had done to improve the school and its culture. He was called "the sacrificial lamb" who was

cut in order for the Pawtucket school district to receive resources, according to reports.

He began his career in 1998 with Middletown Public Schools in Rhode Island, where he worked as an assistant principal for five years, before leaving to take the reins of Shea High School.

According to his resume, he has been a co-leader of the Principals' Think Tank at Merrimack College in North Andover since 2013, where he develops principal-led discussions on the latest educational research.

On his resume, Lord describes himself as a "professional educator with demonstrated instructional, management and leadership skills." He holds a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Arts in educational leadership from California State University — Los Angeles. He also holds Master of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees from Tufts University in Medford in education and biology respectively.

Romano, the other finalist, started his career as an English and social studies teacher at Lunenburg High School from 1997 to 1998. He went on to teach for two years at Athol High School before returning to Lunenburg High for another 12 years as both a teacher as well as assistant dean of students from 2005 to 2012. He then spent two years as Murdock's assistant principal before being named principal in 2014.

Romano holds a certificate of advanced graduate studies in educational leadership and a Master of Arts in teaching from Fitchburg State University. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from UMass Lowell in American studies.

Lord is scheduled to introduce himself to the Advanced Math and Science Academy community on Friday during a "Meet the Candidate Night." The public gathering will be a chance for him to make remarks as well as field questions from the audience. The event was originally scheduled for Monday night, but was postponed due to the weather.

Romano is due to meet the school community this Thursday night in a similar "Meet the Candidate Night."

A screening committee of educators, parents and the school's board of trustees will ultimately make the decision on the charter school's new principal. A timetable for the selection was not available.

ELECTION

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"My plan originally was to go for the one-year seat, but the more I thought about it, campaigning for a one-year seat, I decided that I'm in it for the long run," he said. "Now that Annie (Gilbert)

switched, I decided to go for the open seat, which is now the three-year seat."

Gilbert, an incumbent, said she decided to run for the one-year seat because her daughter will be a senior at Andover High and be leaving the school system after next year.

There are also several,

uncontested races on the ballot. Running unopposed are:

■ Incumbent Town Moderator Sheila Doherty of 9 Juniper Road for another one-year term.

■ Incumbent Marilyn Fitzgerald of 25 Washington Ave. for another three-year seat on the Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical

School District Committee.

■ Incumbent Francis O'Connor of 22 Railroad St. for a five-year seat on the Andover Housing Authority.

■ Incumbents Eric Stubenhaus of 8 Enfield Drive and Charles Hanes of 3 Pride's Circle for two open seats on the Punchard Free School Board of Trustees.

SEARCH

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Stapeczynski announced last month he was stepping down as of June 30 after nearly 30 years on the job.

Selectmen are scheduled to meet again Monday to review any additional responses from potential consultants, at which point they will decide which firms to interview as candidates to help conduct the search.

'Appearance of conflict'

Stapeczynski told selectmen last Thursday morning that his wife owns a company called Human Resources Services Inc. According to the company's website, HRS was founded by Sandy Stapeczynski and is involved in "management consulting services to local government in areas of human resources and general management."

The town manager said his wife's company has a "business relationship" with Municipal Resources Inc., one of the three companies that responded to a recent request for quotes, or RFQs, seeking executive search firms to help the town look for a new town manager.

The revelation prompted Selectman Alex Vispoli to declare that MRI should be disqualified for bidding on the search contract.

"We should probably rule these folks out so it's absolutely clear there is no conflict of interest," he said during the 7 a.m. meeting.

But Selectman Brian Major, speaking from a remote location over speaker phone, disagreed.

"I think we should give them due diligence and see how they compare to the others," he said.

Selectman Mary O'Donoghue said this week that she agrees with Vispoli.

"Any company where there is any perceived conflict of interest should be disqualified," she said. "I believe in this case there is a perceived conflict. As a result of that, they ought to be disqualified."

Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski asked Wheeler why she had limited her search to just a handful of local companies.

"We sent it (the RFQ) to New England-based firms," Wheeler said. "The other executive search firms are in California, Illinois, Texas and Florida. There are probably another 15 to 20 firms. We sent it to three in New England, plus one ... out of Illinois. These are the folks who will have a handle on local talent. (Going out of the region) the cost will be higher."

When selectmen started

to discuss the search firms more specifically, Stapeczynski got up and left the meeting, directing the individual taking minutes to note for the record that he was recusing himself.

Police chief's hiring

Stapeczynski made an almost identical disclosure in 2012 during the search for a new police chief when MRI applied to run the process of reviewing candidates for the job.

According to a letter to selectmen in 2012, Stapeczynski said his wife "has a business relationship" with the company and that "because of the appearance of a conflict (of interest), I will not be participating in the Review Committee nor will I make the final decision as to the selection of the consulting firm."

Instead, he delegated that role to Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo.

Stapeczynski said in the 2012 letter: "This disclosure does not affect my ability to work with the selected consultant, nor does it affect my appointing authority for the new chief."

In the end, Municipal Resources Inc. was hired to conduct the search for a new chief, who ended up being an in-house candidate, Sgt. Patrick Keefe.

In the more recent case, Stapeczynski said in a Jan. 29 letter to selectmen that while his wife's firm has a "business relationship" with MRI, it "is not involved in recruitment and selection work."

In fact, his wife's website states that "her experience

covers a wide range of activities including compensation and classification development, performance management, retention, staffing reviews, HRS audits and assessments, recruitment/selection and more."

This week, Stapeczynski filed another letter this week stating that his wife's company "does recruitment and selection work from time to time." The Feb. 3 letter goes on to say that MRI is not using his wife's company as part of its proposal to Andover.

"HRS will not do any work for the town of Andover and will not have any financial interest in this matter," he wrote in the most recent letter to selectmen. He went on to stress that "I have no role nor will I participate in the process of selecting the consulting firm, and as a result, I do not have any financial interest in this matter."

But, he said, "This disclosure does not affect my ability to work, if required, with the selected consultant."

One-week delay

Given that selectmen have until June 30, Stapeczynski's last day on the job, to pick a

new town manager, the delay in choosing a search firm shouldn't affect the timeline, Kowalski said.

"It will delay us one week from where we would have otherwise been," he said. "The most important thing is getting the best town manager for the town of Andover. Who knows, maybe there's a search firm in Minnesota interested in doing this."

Vispoli agreed, saying an extra week is worth it.

"Picking a new town manager is the most important decision this Board of Selectmen will ever make," he said. "All five of us recognize the importance of doing it right and proceeding with a defined and definitive process."

In addition to putting out the call for search firms, the town also placed a notice in two national publications alerting potential town manager candidates of the opening in Andover.

Wheeler said that five people responded to the ad. Assistant Town Manager Bucuzzo said he was mulling it over.

"I'm still considering it," he said. "That's all I have to say at this time."



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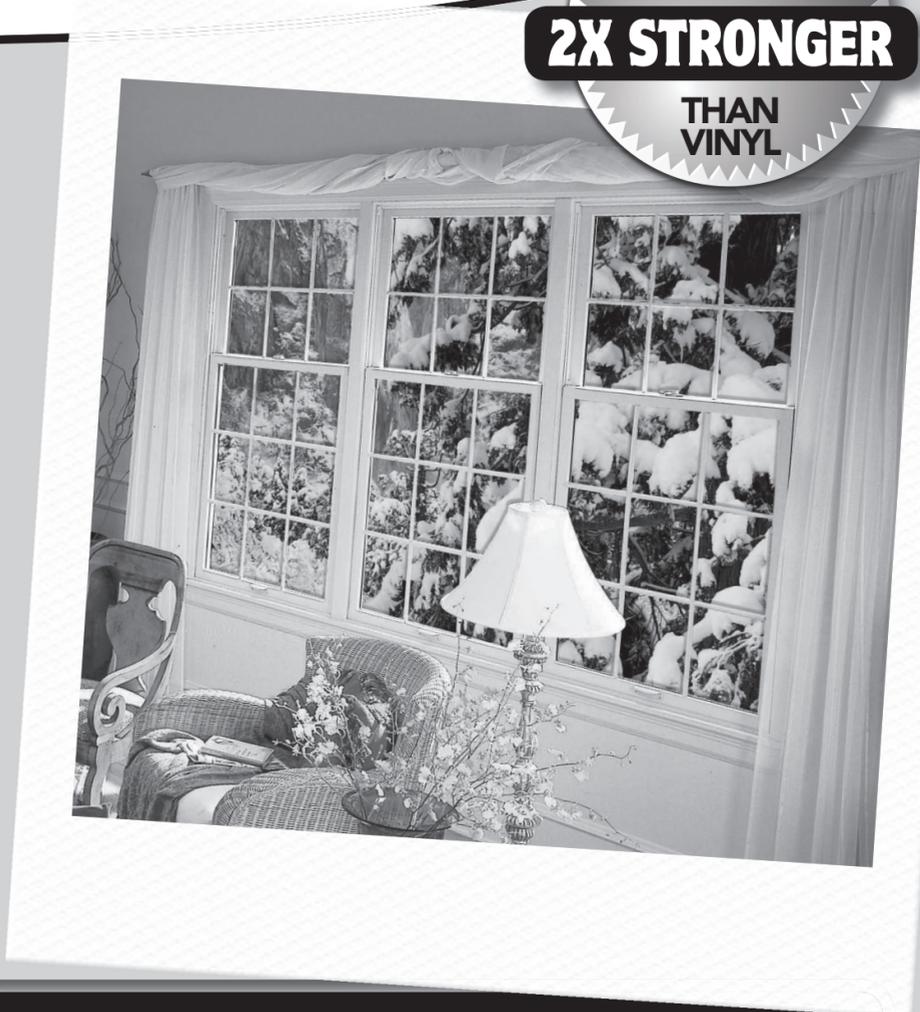
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Opinion

Enduring the sudden onslaught of Old Man Winter

It's as if Old Man Winter suddenly woke from his slumber, realized what day it was and decided to make up for lost time.

In less than a week, he dumped 45 inches of snow on a populace that had been lulled into a false sense

Thanks to good planning by state officials, local municipal and school leaders and private businesses together with the good sense of the general public, we all got through the storm with few serious problems.

of security with thoughts of the winter of 2014-15 going in the books as a mild one.

He'd have none of that, putting all that talk of a wimpy season to rest with two solid swoops of his snow-making prowess.

And he's apparently not done yet, threatening to deliver what some prognosticators are saying may be another 1 to 2 feet before we get to Presidents Day.

Sure, we live in New England. We know we should expect snow in winter. But we can do without all the records being set for the

snowiest seven-day stretch in history and the like.

Last week's great Blizzard of 2015 pretty much delivered what the forecasters had predicted: freezing cold, roaring wind and snow depths measured in feet.

But thanks to good planning by state officials, local municipal and school leaders and private businesses together with the good sense of the general public, we all got through the storm with few serious problems.

As the blizzard approached, Gov. Charlie Baker declared a travel ban through the course of the storm. Town officials declared parking bans that, while inconvenient, were essential for public safety.

Keeping people and cars off the streets helped plows get through, clearing vital paths for emergency vehicles. Plow drivers had the Herculean task of keeping up with the storm, working round-the-clock to battle snow that at times was falling at rates of 2 to 3 inches per hour. Andover's municipal services workers, public safety employees and leaders all deserve credit for keeping the town's main thoroughfares and as much of the approximately 223 miles of roadways as possible open and passable through it all.

The mandated snow days for most of the rest of us were indeed a nice break from the typical harried pace of life. Andover schools were closed for three days, town offices shut down and businesses were shuttered. We grabbed our sleds and snow tubes and took to our favorite hills. We played board games and read books and nestled by the fire. We marveled at the snow mountains as we dug ourselves out and then got back to the business of life again.

But no sooner had we shoveled and snow-blown our way back to reality, Old Man Winter was at our doorstep once again on Monday, delivering another 13 inches of his specialty.

School was called off for two more days at the start of the week. The ensuing cleanup is expected to wipe out the town's snow removal budget. And we're only at the first week of February, with more snow on the horizon. Whatever allure winter held has quickly faded.

Yet, we are New Englanders, whether by virtue of birthright or adopted into the geography. Many of us endured the Blizzard of '78 — and brag about our fortitude through it to this day. We will do the same with the record-setting winter of '15.

After all, while we may complain, many of us would miss our yearly visit from the blustery old man.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The outdoor skating rink at The Park has had a rough go since being introduced last year, plagued by vandalism and imperfect conditions. Should the town consider making an investment in installing a permanent, fully conceived rink that could become a popular winter attraction for the community?

YES. An outdoor skating rink would be a great addition to the town's recreational offerings and bring families together through the winter months.

NO. The cost to install and maintain an outdoor skating rink is not a priority expense for the town considering the other pressing needs that exist.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Two challengers have stepped forward to run for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. Do you think the town needs to go in a new direction? With 125 votes, the answers were:

YES. The town's profligate spending must come to an end and the only way to stop it is by getting new leadership. **105 votes, 73 percent.**

NO. The incumbents are doing a great job. Taxes aren't too high and services are top-shelf. **39 votes, 27 percent.**

PILING UP



BOB DENNIS/Courtesy photo

The snow mountains around downtown grew exponentially taller with Monday's snowstorm, obscuring storefronts along Main Street as a worker tends to clearing the sidewalk.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voters have real choice for Board of Selectmen

Editor, Townsman:

I was delighted to read that Bob Landry has announced that he is running for selectman for our town of Andover.

Over the past few years, Bob has fought the town bureaucracy to provide Andover residents with access to vital pieces of information regarding town spending.

Bob has asked the hard questions that the incumbents should ask of our town manager about long-term as well as near-term impacts on taxpayers of town spending.

It was Bob's questioning of town officials that uncovered that the town manager failed to put out for a bid for health insurance contracts whose costs represent one of the biggest expenses incurred by the town.

Bob's candidacy for selectman gives voters a choice between the unsustainable status quo that has spent hundreds of millions of dollars of unfunded liabilities versus a strong fiscal leader who cares deeply about the wellbeing of our town, now and for the future.

SCOTT ALPERT
Algonquin Avenue

Correlation does not mean causation in drug use

Editor, Townsman:

Ignorance of the potency of the heroin one is about to ingest can be deadly.

Ignorance of potency is an unintended consequence of prohibition.

Ignorance of the great difference in the effect of marijuana and heroin and the difference between correlation and causation leads the ignorant to make claims unsupported by facts.

The Andover Townsman reports that Rep. Jim Lyons thinks the heroin epidemic "has a lot to do with over-acceptance of marijuana use" ("Rep. Lyons aims to fight heroin 'epidemic,'" Jan. 29). He is quoted as saying, "A lot of our kids are using marijuana at younger and younger ages." That simply is not true.

Since the state decriminalized marijuana possession effective Jan. 1, 2011,

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fewer children use before the age of 13, while other adolescent data remains unchanged ("2011 Health and Risk Behaviors of Massachusetts Youth," www.doe.mass.edu/cnp/hprograms/yrbs/2011Report.pdf). In the biennial survey, published last summer, youth use remained stable ("2013 Health and Risk Behaviors of Massachusetts Youth," www.doe.mass.edu/cnp/hprograms/yrbs/2013report.pdf).

Mr. Lyons says he "definitely believe(s) it leads to the next set of drugs." I urge him to educate himself as to why this correlation exists and why correlation does not mean causation. I suggest he start by reading, "Altered State? Assessing How Marijuana Legalization in California Could Influence Marijuana Consumption and Public Budgets," by Kilmer, et al, Drug Policy Research Center (Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation, 2010; www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/occasional_papers/2010/RAND_OP315.pdf).

He may also find, "The Likely Cause of Addiction Has Been Discovered, and It Is Not What You Think" by Johan Jari, author of "Chasing The Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs" informative.

I close by pointing out that Mr. Lyons is seen as a fiscal conservative, yet his proposed solutions will draw on the state's treasury, and he offers no source for those funds.

STEVEN S. EPSTEIN
Georgetown

Landry represents 'welcome change'

Editor, Townsman:

This is the first time we have written a letter to your newspaper. Your article, "Two new candidates in race for selectman" (Jan. 29) came as a pleasant surprise.

We have been following Bob Landry's efforts for the past few years and have seen the amount of work he has put into the TownofAndover.com website to help Andover voters get better information on town issues.

We are very pleased that he entered the race for the Board of Selectmen and we feel he would be a welcome change to Andover's leadership.

Unlike most of our town leaders who talk about change, Bob actually does something about it. Only one of us could attend last year's Town Meeting and when his health insurance amendment designed to save taxpayers almost a million dollars failed by only nine votes, it was a real example that every vote counts.

We hope Andover residents will take the time to look at this race and to vote.

BOB AND AMY HAUSER
7 Algonquin Ave.

A return to high-innovation education is needed

Editor, Townsman:

Let's start a community dialogue to explore whether families would like to see more innovation in our schools.

Two decades ago, Andover was a "high innovation" school district. Our high school was consistently ranked in the top 10, our academic programs were at the forefront and school districts throughout the country visited Andover to learn from us.

Today, despite having more resources than ever, we are a "low innovation" school district; our high school ranking (outside of sports and the arts) is no longer in the top 20 and just 73 percent of school-age residents are enrolled in our schools.

We can do better. To accelerate innovation and expand student options, let's consider two new initiatives:

1. Convert one of our three

middle schools into a state-of-the-art middle school focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts + Design and Math. Students can choose to attend, and the learning model can be best-of-breed academics interwoven with awesome, challenging projects aimed at raising innovators who will change the world. The curriculum can foster out-of-the-box thinking, cultivate creativity, excite students about invention and promote fluency with new technology.

2. Create a high school Innovation Lab in an off-campus annex that is connected to the world beyond the classroom. Our high school is 200 students over capacity, and expanding it would cost \$25 million. Instead, we can lease existing space in town — at a fraction of the cost — to accommodate 200 to 300 students. Sample paths we can consider:

- Create a lab similar to Greenwich, Conn. High School's Innovation Lab, which was born out of discussions with the country's most progressive workspaces. Its flexible, personalized learning environment is devoted to fostering creativity, curiosity and purpose. Learning is interdisciplinary, and students can explore their interests in a space that is conducive to creative problem-solving and discovery.

- Collaborate with area universities and companies to offer students immersive learning experiences at the forefront of high-growth fields such as computing and digital arts, engineering and health sciences. These fields are forecasted to be major drivers for innovation, social change and economic growth.

- Partner with NuVu — an Innovation School formed in partnership with graduate students and faculty from MIT. Its inspiring architectural studio learning model is geared around multi-disciplinary projects where students learn how to navigate through the creative process, from inception to completion.

Let's begin discussions with parents, students and teachers and explore whether families would like to see these initiatives come to life in Andover.

DAVID BIRNBACH
Andover School Committee

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WEATHERING WINTER

PHOTOS FROM THE WEEK



Dan Wrigley tries to clear the snow from in front of his Summer Street home in Andover last week. Snow blowers got another workout early this week as the area was hit with an additional foot of snow. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo



Isabel Rodenbergeer, 11, is followed down the hill at Andover High School by her friend, Isabel Marbel, 12, last Thursday. Snow tubes and sleds have been seeing a lot of action in the past week thanks to back-to-back storms. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo



Brendan Cirino, 6, flies down the hill at Andover High School last Thursday. Children had more chances to use their snow tubes and sleds early this week as a second storm led schools to be closed both Monday and Tuesday. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo



Snow walls tower over a Main Street sidewalk after last week's blizzard. TIM LIMA/Staff photo



Miniature mountains of snow covered almost every street corner on Main Street in downtown Andover last week. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo



Large snow drifts cover the benches in front of Old Town Hall on Main Street last Thursday. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo



Julia Rodenberger, 9, back, and Anna Marbel, 9, go over a bump as they fly down the hill at Andover High School last Thursday. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo



A plow tractor pushes mountains of snow around the public works lot off High Street, which is being used as a dumping ground for all the excess snow around Andover. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

TownsBeat

A winter medley for Addison

Fusion of black, white, light, dark and multi-layered works in spotlight

STAFF REPORTS

Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy warms up the senses of art lovers this winter with three new exhibits.

This season's cornerstone show is Ellen Gallagher's seminal print series "DeLuxe," a fusion of printmaking, drawing, collage and painting opening on Saturday.

On temporary loan to the Addison, Gallagher's 60-print portfolio, with its multiple layers of material and meaning, serves as inspiration for groupings of objects selected from the Addison's permanent collection.

Visitors will also see "Light/Dark, White/Black," which opened last month and draws on paintings, prints, drawings, photographs and sculpture from Addison's own collection to explore how artists use different formal elements and media to exploit the associative character of black and white and visually render conceptual themes.

"Heaven and Earth" rounds out the winter shows. Also drawing from the permanent collection, it features abstract and representational works in a variety of media that explore the real and imagined, visible and invisible, known and unknown aspects of the world around us. It will open on Saturday as well.

"The Addison's collection, now numbering more than 17,000 objects, is one of the most extensive collections of American art in the world. Because our exhibitions change completely three times a year, we are able to present

well-loved masterpieces together with hidden treasures from our collection in new contexts each season," Judith F. Dolkart, Addison's Mary Stripp and R. Crosby Kemper director and curator of "Heaven and Earth," said in a release.

"Our winter shows celebrate the collection and are an outstanding example of how we use it to give visitors a unique experience every time they visit the Addison."

Before the two newest exhibits officially open on Saturday, the public is invited to enjoy a preview during a reception on Friday night, Feb. 6, from 6 to 8 at the Addison. Visitors will see the completely reinstalled exhibition galleries. Plus, Addison staffers will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is free.

ABOUT THE SHOWS

Collection Intervention: Ellen Gallagher's DeLuxe

Feb. 7 to May 17
Ellen Gallagher (b. 1965) brings together imagery from myth, nature art and culture to create complex works in a variety of

COMING EVENTS

■ **Sunday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.:** Gallery Talk for "Heaven and Earth" with Judith F. Dolkart, Addison director and exhibition curator; free.

■ **Feb. 17 through 20:** February Vacation Week Family Events, featuring special programs for children of all ages. Registration is not required; children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver; see website for details.

■ **Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.:** Lecture on Ellen Gallagher's "DeLuxe" with printmaker David Lasry of Two Palms press, and Sarah Suzuki, associate curator of the Department of Drawings and Prints, Museum of Modern Art, New York; free.

■ **March 7 and 8:** The Addison in Bloom. Enjoy a preview of spring this winter at the Addison. Members of the Andover Garden Club and local professional floral designers will display arrangements inspired by works of art in the winter shows; displays open for viewing during regular museum hours.

■ **Feb. 20, March 1 and 22, and April 12:** Black and White Film Series in conjunction with "Light/Dark, White/Black," exploring the aesthetics and symbolism of black and white in various genres of short and feature-length films. Meet in the Museum Learning Center; see website for details.

■ **Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.:** Gallery Talk for "Light/Dark, White/Black" with exhibition curators Allison Kemmerer and Kelley Tialiou. All programs are open free to the public.

media, including painting, drawing, relief, collage, print, sculpture and film. For "DeLuxe," Gallagher transformed beauty and hair product advertisements from vintage African-American magazines using a range of print techniques, then added plasticine, paint, coconut oil, toy eyeballs and glitter to each, further subverting and recontextualizing the images. Her playful and provocative series of prints in a grid offers sly and insightful commentary on modernism, mass media, fashion, identity and race in mid-century America. As a complement to "DeLuxe," the galleries surrounding the installation feature works from the Addison's collection that explore the techniques, ideas and imagery found in Gallagher's work.

The exhibition is supported by the Mollie Bennett Lupe & Garland M. Lasater Exhibitions Fund.

Heaven and Earth

Feb. 7 to April 5
Sky, sea and land have long served as alluring subjects for artists who wish to challenge themselves with fleeting

effects of atmosphere, light and motion: churning rapids, wind-blown trees, dark thunderheads, gossamer mists and more. Nineteenth-century artists often depicted a nature either harmoniously idyllic or terrifyingly awesome — sometimes both at once. While many of the works in this exhibition present the landscape as a kind of fantasy, others explore the ways in which artists — both past and present — have expressed their wonder at nature's invisible or intangible properties, as well as exercised their imaginations to depict the unknown.

Light/Dark, White/Black

Through July 31

Beyond their effectiveness in depicting three-dimensionality and conveying light and shade to construct the illusion of space, black and white have long fascinated artists, as they are rich with symbolism, metaphor and association. Comprised of challenging juxtapositions, harmonious ensembles and unexpected pairings, this permanent collection exhibition explores how artists use both subtle



"The Coming Storm," 1869, an oil on board by Albert Bierstadt (1830-1902), featured in Addison Gallery of American Art's "Heaven and Earth" exhibition.



"Mr. Terrific" from Ellen Gallagher's "DeLuxe," 2004-2005, which opens Saturday at Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy.

IMAGE COURTESY TWO PALMS, NEW YORK

IF YOU GO

- **What:** Addison Gallery of American Art winter exhibitions
- **When:** Exhibits are ongoing. Opening reception Friday, Feb. 6, 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Where:** Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover
- **Hours:** Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed on Mondays and national holidays.
- **Admission:** Free
- **More information:** Call 978-749-4015 or visit www.addisongallery.org.

tonalities and bold contrasts in black and white to capture a moment, create mood and connote meaning.

Through this lens, the work of artists such as Josef Albers, Roy DeCarava, Carroll Dunham, Sol LeWitt, Robert Mangold, Ray Metzker, Louise Nevelson, Dorothea Rockburne, Fred Sandback, Frank Stella and minimalist painter Ad Reinhardt — whose avant-garde,

mid-20th century treatise on this subject inspired the title of the exhibition — will come into focus. The 100-object exhibition includes paintings, sculptures, works on paper and photographs from the Addison's permanent collection.

The exhibition is supported by the Mollie Bennett Lupe & Garland M. Lasater Exhibitions Fund.

Andover Day & Night

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ART/GALLERIES

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, Winter shows include "Light/Dark, White/Black" through Friday, July 31; "Collection Intervention: Ellen Gallagher's DeLuxe," Feb. 7 through April 5; opening reception Friday, Feb. 6, 6 to 8 p.m.; gallery talk for "Heaven and Earth" with Judith F. Dolkart, Addison director and exhibition curator, Sunday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.; February Vacation Week Family Events for children of all ages, Feb. 17 through 20; free admission to gallery and all programs; Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

DANCE

ROCKIN' ROAD TO DUBLIN, all-ages production featuring Massachusetts Irish dance world champions Scott Doherty and Ashley Smith, plus lead dancers from "Lord of the Dance," "Riverdance" and "Taptronic," accompanied by vocalists and a seven-piece band, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21, 7:30 p.m., J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Shawsheen Road, Andover; tickets \$30 to \$40; www.rockinroadtodublin.com.

FILMS

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT, "Belle," Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; free; 978-623-8400, www.mhl.org.

SILENT FILM SERIES, "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" (1921), featuring live musical accompaniment by silent

film composer Jeff Rapis, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 North Turnpike St., North Andover; free; 978-837-5355.

LECTURES

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SERIES, Forest Management: Nature or Nurture? presented by Kevin Porter, vice chairman of the Andover Conservation Commission, a discussion on the pros and cons of management versus letting nature take its course, Thursday, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Activity Room, 2 North Main St., Andover; sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover; free, but space is limited; register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar; learn more at www.lwv-andovers.org.

PARENT-TO-PARENT SERIES, "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents: Seven Ways to Stop the Worry Cycle and Raise Courageous and Independent Children" presented by Lynn Lyons, LICSW, Tuesday, March 3, 7:30 to 9 p.m., The Pike School auditorium, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover; sponsored by Parent to Parent of Andover; free; www.andoverp2p.com.

MUSIC

ACADEMY JAZZ BAND AND ENSEMBLES, Phillips Academy Music Department presents the Academy Jazz Band and Ensembles featuring the works of Thad Jones, Duke Ellington, Red Garland and George Gershwin, Sunday, Feb. 15, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover. free; 978-749-4260, email



COURTESY PHOTO

Husband-and-wife duo Tamara Volskaya and Anatoly Trofimov will headline Mistral's 18th annual Valentine Concert, "From Russia With Love," on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. at West Parish Church in Andover. In addition to the pair's collection of Russian ballads, the Mistral musicians led by artistic director and flutist Julie Scolnik will perform Russian composers.

music@andover.edu.

ANDOVER CHORAL SOCIETY OPEN REHEARSAL, Vocalists invited to join the choral society in preparing for its next concert featuring Joseph Haydn's "Mass in Time of War" and Ralph Vaughn Williams' "Five Mystical Songs"; Open Rehearsal Monday, Feb. 9, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street, Andover; all voice parts welcome; www.andoverchoralsociety.org.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, Albino Mbie and Friends, Sunday, Feb. 8, 2:30 p.m.; Yiddishkeit Klezmer Ensemble, Sunday, March 22, 2:30 p.m.; free, hosted by Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

MISTRAL VALENTINE CONCERT, "From Russia With Love," Mistral's 18th annual Valentine Concert,

featuring husband-and-wife duo Tamara Volskaya and Anatoly Trofimov performing Russian ballads on the authentic domra and bayan, followed by chamber works by Russian composers Arensky, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff performed by the Mistral musicians; Sunday, Feb. 8, 3 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; tickets \$30, group and student rush tickets available; www.MistralMusic.org, 978-474-6222, sales@MistralMusic.org.

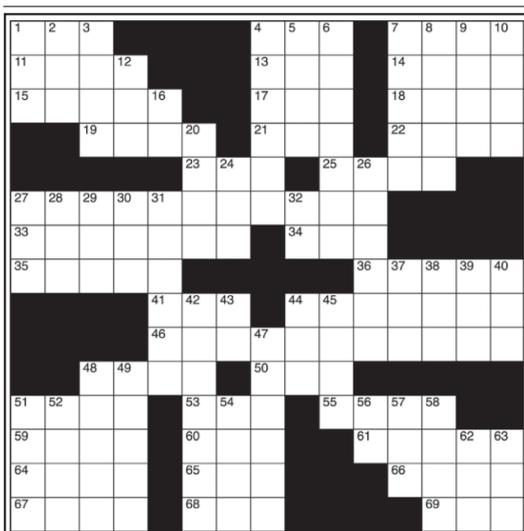
PALMERS RESTAURANT, Live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; Friday, Feb. 6, Kind Soul; Saturday, Feb. 7, Ashley Dawn Band; Friday, Feb. 13, The Groove Cats; Saturday, Feb. 14, Jah Spirit Reggae; Friday, Feb. 20, Jumpstreet Band; Saturday, Feb. 21, Hal Holiday and the No Tones; Friday, Feb. 27, White Lightning Band; Saturday, Feb. 28, Marybeth Maes Band; no cover charge; 18 Elm St., Andover; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

THEATER

"RED HERRING," Dark romantic comedy presented by the Merrimack College Department of Visual and Performing Arts, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 12 and 13, 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; \$10 at the door; www.merrimack.edu.

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To submit an item for the entertainment calendar, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

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4. Cycles per second
7. Strikebreaker
11. Aquatic reptile (informal)
13. Express pleasure
14. Swiss river
15. Contains cerium
17. Ribonucleic acid
18. On top
19. Taxis
21. Banking machine
22. Small salamander
23. Voltage
25. Pointed summit
27. DWTS host
33. In a way, smoked
34. Peat moss source
35. W. African nation Sierra

36. Cocoa plum tree
41. Holiday (informal)
44. Venezuelan capital
46. DWTS hostess
48. Hideouts
50. Actress Lupino
51. The content of cognition
53. Point one point N of due E
55. Plunder a town
59. No. Albanian dialect
60. No (Scottish)
61. Blatted
64. X2 = a Pacific tourist commune
65. AKA option key
66. Angelina's spouse
67. "Wedding Crashers" Wilson
68. Grassland, meadow
69. Laughing to self (texting)

CLUES DOWN

1. Licenses TV stations
2. Metal-bearing mineral
3. Meat from a pig (alt. sp.)
4. A bottle with a stopper
5. Short labored breath
6. Hair washing soap
7. Steam bath
8. "R.U.R." playwright Karel
9. Beside one another in lines
10. Not straight
12. Former OSS
16. Truck driver's radio
20. Dried-up
24. Million gallons per day (abbr.)
26. Encircle (archaic)
27. ___ death do us part
28. A single unit
29. A Siemens
30. Prohibition
31. V. William's clothing line

32. Scotland's poet's initials
37. Auto
38. Single spot card in a deck
39. Crow sound
40. Former CIA
42. Factory where arms are made
43. Radioactive unit
44. Scoundrel
45. Freshwater duck genus
47. 9 decades
48. Makes tractors
49. 55120
51. Southeast Nigeria people
52. Arab sailing vessel
54. Hay bundle
56. Blood type
57. Driver compartment
58. "Das Kapital" author Marx
62. Consume food
63. Dental degree

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All Those Years Ago

Compiled by Susan McKelliget

Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, exactly as reported in the pages of the Andover Townsman:

100 Years Ago Feb. 5, 1915

The snowstorm provided work for some of the unemployed men of Andover and thereby was a cause of rejoicing in many homes. Superintendent Cole handled the work removing snow in a most efficient manner. The sidewalks were plowed out in good season and the gutters are being cleared out in a most efficient manner.

An alarm from Box 48 on Tuesday evening called the chemical and hook and ladder out to a chimney fire at the home of Matthew W. Colquhoun on Washington Avenue. The soot in the chimney was ablaze and sparks were flying in all directions. The chemical soon put out the fire with very little damage.

75 Years Ago Feb. 1, 1940

Firemen from Lawrence, North Andover and North Reading were called to aid this morning in a blaze that threatened to destroy the entire interior of the Argyle Apartments in Shawsheen Village. By eleven o'clock, the blaze seemed well under control after a fight of an hour and a half. No estimate of the damage was available at press time. The building and land is assessed at \$16,575. An old building, it formerly was the town farm building, but had been made into a modern apartment structure owned by the Andover-Shawsheen Realty Company.

A complete television set was demonstrated here on Wednesday afternoon when Lewis Hoskins, scientist and investigator under the management of the School Assembly Service, presented his program with about a ton of apparatus, at a combined assembly of the senior and junior high schools in

the Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Hoskins brought with him a large image screen — one of the largest in use in this country — and set up that and his projecting equipment so that all could see exactly how this modern miracle of communication works.

50 Years Ago Feb. 4, 1965

Police say that 16 dozen eggs were stolen Monday night from Kenneth Thompson, 99 Gould Road, and speculate that youngsters can be held responsible.

From a front-page drawing: "Preserving the traditional look of Memorial Hall Library and at the same time achieving needed expansion, this architect's drawing shows the front view of the Elm Square library as it is to look plus a new wing adjacent to Essex Street. The library addition, for which a federal grant of \$85,000 has already been approved, is one of four capital improvement items included in the town manager's 1965 budget.

25 Years Ago Feb. 1, 1990

Outgoing Town Manager Kenneth Mahoney says the greatest disappointment during his eight years in office was the failure of the proposed Lawrence-Andover collaborative school. He says the Andover Town Meeting form of government is still effective and he believes that the town's infrastructure is in decent shape.

Jerome Russem, owner and operator of Russem's Ladies Apparel on Main Street, never imagined how quickly his retirement sale would empty out his store's merchandise. In less than one month, almost his entire stock has been sold.

The 1989 Division II champion Andover High School Marching Band was honored at a banquet at China Blossom restaurant in North Andover Monday night, when members received several awards.

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All Those Years Ago is compiled by Susan McKelliget with cooperation from the Andover Historical Society.

Out & About: Dark and romantic comedy in time for Valentine's Day

Just in time for Valentine's Day comes "Red Herring," a dark romantic comedy presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Merrimack College in North Andover.

Richard J. Piatt, O.S.A., will direct the piece by Michael Hollinger involving three love stories, a murder mystery and a nuclear espionage plot set in 1952 that celebrate love and marriage in a hilariously complex way.

"Red Herring" will be performed Thursday and Friday, Feb. 12 and 13, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at Merrimack's Rogers Center for the Arts, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Tickets are \$10.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at 978-837-5355 or visit www.merrimack.edu.

Professional stage debut for young budding actress

Sarah Toubes-Marquis, a sixth-grader at Doherty Middle School, is in the ensemble for Wheelock Family Theatre's production of "Pinocchio," which is on stage through Feb. 22 at the theater on the campus of Wheelock College in Boston's Fenway district.

It is the first professional show for the 11-year-old

and she is thrilled.

"I've tried out before and it worked this time so I'm very happy," she said.

Daily, after-school rehearsals in Boston were intense, what with trying to balance them with homework, but Sarah said she did that successfully.

She said Wheelock's adaptation of "Pinocchio" is well done and it's a good show for the whole family.

For performance times, tickets and more information on the production, visit www.WheelockFamilyTheatre.org.

Andover Choral Society hosting open rehearsal

Music Director Michael Driscoll and the Andover Choral Society invite the public to join their open rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 9, beginning at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street in Andover.

The Andover Choral Society focuses on fine choral and choral-orchestral works from the baroque to the 21st century. Its next concert will include Joseph Haydn's "Mass in Time of War" and Ralph Vaughn Williams'



Sarah Toubes-Marquis



COURTESY PHOTO

The Andover Choral Society invites vocalists to its open rehearsal next week.

"Five Mystical Songs."

All voice parts are welcome to participate; tenors and basses are especially encouraged to attend.

Since 1929, Andover Choral Society has welcomed vocalists with a love of great choral music and a desire to bring world-class choral music to the Merrimack Valley. To learn more, visit www.andoverchoralsociety.org.

Exploring the 'Golden Age of Quackery'

Northern Essex Community College assistant chemistry professor Mike Cross presents "Snake Oil: Can You Tell Fact from Fiction?" on Thursday, Feb. 12, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at

Lawrence High School's Performing Arts Center, 70-71 North Parish Road, Lawrence.

The late 19th and early 20th century is considered the "Golden Age of Quackery," a time when snake oil salesmen sold patent medicines to an unsuspecting public.

The lecture presents many of the scientific and medical "quack" tonics and devices prevalent during that time period as well as their modern counterparts.

Admission to the White Fund lecture offered in partnership with Northern Essex is free.

Contact Martha Leavitt, director of operations for NECC's Lawrence campus, at mleavitt@necc.mass.edu for more information.

Memorial Hall celebrates Take Your Child to Library Day

Memorial Hall Library is the place for youngsters and families to be on Saturday, Feb. 7. A lineup of programs for all ages is in store for Take Your Child to Library Day, including a pooch named Norbert, Legomania and stories and songs from around the world with a Grammy-nominated storyteller.

Bring the whole family to the library at 2 North Main St. for a day of fun. Here's the schedule of activities:

■ **Craft Table and Activities:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Children's Room.

■ **Wiggle Words:** For ages birth to 2, 10 a.m., Activity Room; pick up a token in the Children's Room.

■ **Author, illustrator and Norbert of "Norbert, What Can Little Me Do?":** 10:30 a.m., Memorial Hall. Meet award-winning author Julie Freyermuth and illustrator Dr. Virginia Freyermuth, plus Norbert the dog. They'll share their book and drawings and Norbert will do a few tricks. Their book will be available for sale and signing. Sponsored by the

Friends of Memorial Hall Library; register online.

■ **Legomania:** For ages 5 and up, 1 p.m., Memorial Hall. This program combines a story and the opportunity to build with LEGOs. Parents are welcome to stay and participate. Register online.

■ **Stories, Songs and Chants from Around the World:** 2:30 p.m., Memorial Hall. Grammy-nominated storyteller Sharon Kennedy shares her stories that have been heard on NPR and ABC-TV's "Good Morning America."

She will be leading the Family Adventures in Reading program, funded by Mass. Humanities, which is coming to the library for six Saturdays beginning on March 7. This program is for families, especially those with children ages 5 and up. Register online.

For more information, contact Beth Kerrigan, coordinator of children's services at the Memorial Hall Library, at 978-623-8401, ext. 40, or by email at bkerrigan@mhl.org or visit www.mhl.org.

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Education

Schools wrestle with cost of full-day kindergarten

Andover's tuition highest in the state

By Christian M. Wade
CNHI State Reporter

More kindergarteners than ever are spending the entire day in school, but despite recent strides, Massachusetts remains a patchwork of largely unfunded early-education programs, with costs often shifted to local governments and parents.

Only 11 states and the District of Columbia require a full day of kindergarten. Massachusetts is not one of them.

School districts in the state, however, are required to offer a free kindergarten program to children with at least 425 hours of learning time a year — about 2 1/2 hours a day.

Most of the 401 Massachusetts school districts exceed the requirement and offer a full-day, tuition-free kindergarten.

But at least nine districts — including Tewksbury — offer only half-day.

Another 65 districts charge tuition for full-day kindergarten, with Andover charging the highest in the state for its program at \$4,650 per student a year, according to the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. All of the districts offer a half-day free option.

Education advocates are lobbying Beacon Hill lawmakers

to close the gap on funding for full-day kindergarten, but the move has largely taken a backseat to the push for universal preschool funding and other legislative priorities.

Beginning this year, parents in neighboring North Andover can enroll their children in full-day kindergarten without digging into the pockets to pay, thanks to an infusion of money from the town.

North Andover Superintendent Kevin Hutchinson said the town agreed last year to spend \$680,000 from its budget to pay for tuition-free, full-day kindergarten in 15 classrooms spread out across five elementary schools.

Previously, the district charged parents \$4,000 per student.

"The response was fantastic," Hutchinson said. "Initially, there were some parents who wanted to preserve the half day, keeping their kids at home, but many of them have decided since then to go with a full day."

He said the district still offers a half-day program for parents opting for that alternative.

Subsidizing the cost of kindergarten, he said, raises the amount of state education dollars the district will receive because of increased classroom time.

He expects the town will

eventually break even.

But the cost of full-day kindergarten is beyond many districts, including several on the North Shore and Merrimack Valley. In addition to Andover, Haverhill, Beverly, Topsfield, Marblehead and Newburyport all charge parents who send their children for a full day, with tuitions starting at \$995 up to the \$4,650 that Andover parents pay.

"We simply can't afford it," said Newburyport Superintendent Susan Viccaro. "We've lost 80 staff positions in the past 10 years from budget cuts, and we have a lot of priorities. We can't do everything."

Like other districts, Newburyport's Chapter 70 education funding from the state doesn't cover its costs, Viccaro said. While the city offers full-day kindergarten, she said, they have no choice but to charge tuition.

Haverhill Superintendent James Scully said his district has limited resources to help parents cover the \$2,000 per year tuition for full-day kindergarten. For example, it allows them to pay in installments.

Scully said the cash-strapped district isn't getting the help it needs from the state.

"We're being asked to do more with early education, but the funding keeps shrinking," he said. "In my opinion, we're

KINDERGARTEN IN MASSACHUSETTS

- Districts offering kindergarten: 312
- Districts offering half-day kindergarten only: 9
- Districts charging tuition for full-day kindergarten: 65
- Number of school districts in the state: 401

KINDERGARTEN TUITION IN THE MERRIMACK VALLEY/NORTH SHORE

- Andover: \$4,650
- Beverly: \$4,000
- Newburyport: \$3,500
- Topsfield: \$3,000
- Marblehead: \$2,600
- Lynnfield: \$2,600
- Haverhill: \$2,000

Source: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

cheating our children because our resources are so divided. That's something that needs to change."

The state gives grant money to schools from a \$23 million fund to help cover the cost of full-day kindergarten. But, records show, that money has been cut more than 10 percent in the past five years.

Former Gov. Deval Patrick cut nearly \$400,000 from the grant program before leaving office in January to help plug a \$329 million budget shortfall.

State education officials said they are doing what they can to expand kindergarten programs.

"The grant money has been very successful in helping districts expand full-day kindergarten," said Cliff Chuang, an associate commissioner at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. "But the problem is that the demand for those funds far exceeds the amount of available money."

On Beacon Hill, education

advocates are more focused on increasing access to preschool for at-risk students. Several bills before the Legislature will fund preschool programs.

Amy O'Leary, director for the Boston-based advocacy group Early Education for All, said publicly funded, full-day kindergarten helps the youngest students build a strong foundation for the rest of their learning.

"Full-day kindergarten is so important," she said. "There's a lot of research that shows that children who have access to full-day kindergarten are more prepared for school and making that transition to first grade."

Several states have taken steps in recent years to pay for it.

Washington state lawmakers freed up \$50 million to spend on full-day kindergarten this year, making twice as many children eligible to attend full-day classes compared with last year. The state expects to offer full-day

kindergarten to all students in the next two years.

In Minnesota, \$134 million in new funding approved last year allowed school districts to offer all-day kindergarten without charging parents extra.

Nationwide, more than three-quarters of kindergarteners have access to full-day programs, according to the U.S. Department of Education, a figure that has increased steadily since the late-1970s.

In Massachusetts, 87 percent of kindergarteners are enrolled in a full-day program, up from 29 percent in 2000.

Ann McGregor, whose 6-year-old daughter attends kindergarten in Marblehead, said she doesn't like paying the \$2,600 a year in tuition for public school, but said she didn't want to deprive her child of a full day of school instruction.

"What choice do you have?" McGregor said. "You don't want to cheat your kids of a full day of school."

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Kindergarten registration dates set for next week

Andover Public Schools has announced dates, times and locations for its kindergarten registration week.

Registration will be open at each child's neighborhood school starting Monday, Feb. 9 through Friday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be extended hours on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Children must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2015 to register; no exceptions will be given.

Registration forms are available online at www.aps1.net by clicking the link under "Spotlight" or by following the parent tab.

Applications for full-day kindergarten and a deposit by check are due at the time of student registration.

For additional information, contact the assistant superintendent's office at 978-623-8506.

Volunteers needed for MATHCOUNTS

The anticipation is building as 904 student "mathletes" from 121 middle schools throughout Massachusetts prepare to compete next week in six MATHCOUNTS competitions. The winners from each chapter or region will advance to the state championship on March 7,



COURTESY PHOTO

The instructional assistants at Bancroft Elementary School enjoyed a "Special Spirit Day" on Friday, Jan. 16. They donned shirts bearing the question, "Have You High Five'd An IA Today?" prompting many children and teachers to offer an outstretched hand to them. The day culminated with cake in the teachers lounge.

and the last students standing will achieve the honor of representing Massachusetts at the National MATHCOUNTS Competition on May 8 in Boston.

MATHCOUNTS is a national math enrichment, coaching and competition program for middle school students in grades six through eight. In Massachusetts, the program is made possible through the local support and leadership of the Massachusetts Society

of Professional Engineers (www.MSPE.com).

More than 100 volunteers are needed to help score and proctor the tests at chapter level MATHCOUNTS competitions throughout Massachusetts this Saturday, as well as at the state championship. This Saturday's competitions are in Melrose at the Veterans Middle School and in Chicopee at the Hampton Charter School.

Generally, a volunteer commitment requires four

hours on the day of the competition. No experience is necessary; volunteers must simply be over age 18, be willing and able to follow simple directions, and not be related to a competing student. For more information, visit www.mspe.com/mathcounts.org or www.mathcounts.org.

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Andover Garden Club offers memorial scholarship

The Andover Garden Club is seeking qualified students to apply for the Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund, which memorializes the long-time Andover resident who served as president of the Andover Garden Club from 1954 to 1956.

The memorial scholarship of up to \$1,000 is given annually in recognition of Cleveland's efforts to enrich the lives of garden club members in the pursuit of all the arts and sciences. It was initially funded by Cleveland's two children — Ann C. Lange, a floral arranger, artist and lifelong resident of Andover who herself served as president of the Andover Garden Club from 1985 to 1987, and the late Byron R. Cleveland Jr. The scholarship grows yearly through donations from the Lange family and the Andover Garden Club.

"We wanted the scholarship to reflect (Cleveland's) broader interests, so we didn't limit it to horticulture, landscape design, or floriculture, but instead opened it up to any student interested in studying the arts or sciences," Lange said in a release.

The deadline for submitting applications is March 1. Applicants must be Massachusetts residents, graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences, have a minimum grade average of B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale), exhibit good

character and demonstrate financial need.

Applications, financial aid forms, and scholarship descriptions can be downloaded from the GCFM website at <http://gcfm.org/Education/Scholarships/NGCScholarships.aspx>.

The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund is one of 11 scholarships administered by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, the parent organization of the Andover Garden Club. The ten additional scholarships are available in amounts up to \$1,000 for students majoring in horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, conservation, forestry, agronomy, city planning, environmental studies, land management, botany, biology, and allied subjects. Last year, the state federation awarded 11 \$1,000 scholarships.

Founded in 1927, the non-profit Andover Garden Club encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover and helps protect and conserve natural resources.

For more information about joining the Andover Garden Club, contact membership chairwomen Linda Carpenter at 978-475-7430 or lcarpenter1@comcast.net or Ronnie Haarmann at 978-475-4414 or rchaarmann@comcast.net. For more on the club, visit www.andovergardenclub.org.

SCOUTING NEWS

Eagle Scout to the rescue for Hillside Acre Animal Cemetery

Jacob Rodgers of Andover's Troop 76 chose to rebuild the back porch and steps of the Hillside Acre Animal Cemetery at Nevins Farm in Methuen for his Eagle Scout project, recruiting a skilled team of craftsmen to help him with the task.

The results were very favorable. Julia Pesek of the MSPCA, which operates Nevins Farm, said in an email that the crew worked "eagerly and expertly until a beautiful new porch was unveiled." She added that Rodgers created the design and blueprints for the project himself.

This is the second project that Troop 76 of Andover has done for Nevins Farm. Another Eagle Scout candidate recently built a shed for the MSPCA's Equine and Farm Animal Center.

"We are touched by the generosity of Jacob and Andover Troop 76 and deeply grateful for their contributions to Nevins Farm," Pesek wrote.

Troop 73's newest Eagle Scouts in good company as they join ranks

Dan Harvey and Jeffrey Page have joined the ranks of Eagle Scouts from Troop 73 in Andover.

The two were recently awarded the rank after their Council Board of Review meeting.

Only 5 percent of all Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. Troop 73, the town's oldest Scout troop, has seen more than 60 of its members achieve the honor since its inception in 1930.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eagle Scout Jacob Rodgers stands on the back porch he rebuilt for Hillside Acre Animal Cemetery at Nevins Farm in Methuen.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dan Harvey, left, and Jeffrey Page are feted as the newest Eagle Scouts in Andover's Troop 73.

Townspeople

HOMETOWN PRIDE

Pro sports teams tie Chiklis to Andover, Beantown

By BILL BURT
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Michael Chiklis says there are two things in his life that will always bind him to his hometown of Andover.

"My family is No. 1. It will always be No. 1," said the longtime actor who lives in Los Angeles but remains close with his former Andover High pals.

"The other is the Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics. Are you kidding me? I am so thankful of our teams and how they've allowed me to stay connected to where I grew up."

Chiklis, 51, was on hand Sunday in Arizona to witness his revered New England Patriots push down the Seattle Seahawks to capture their latest Super Bowl rings.

The experience wasn't an unfamiliar one for Chiklis. He was in Jacksonville a decade ago, when the Patriots beat the Philadelphia Eagles 24-21 in Super Bowl XXXIX.

At that time, Chiklis was starring in TV's "The Shield;" he is now part of the cast of FX's "American Horror Story: Freak Show."

"I couldn't miss this, being so close," said Chiklis, who attended the game with his wife, Michelle. "Everybody out in Los Angeles knows I'm a big Boston sports fan. I'm a loudmouth about it. But how can't I be? Look at the body of work our teams have done."

What makes Chiklis even prouder is that he was able to persuade both of his daughters, Autumn, 21 and Odessa, 15, along with his wife to become rabid Boston fans, too.

"It's great because I get to share my passion with them, too, and they're right there with me," he said.

Chiklis continues to send text messages back and forth to a few of his hometown buddies, including Steve Stabile, who lives in North Andover. And he and his family try to make as

many Boston-related events as possible when his beloved teams travel out west. But sometimes, it's easier said than done.

"With my schedule, it's feast or famine," Chiklis said. "If I'm working, I fall off the side of the Earth, leaving every morning early, coming home late at night, then doing it all over again the next day. And that happens for nine months."

"But if I'm off, I'm all in and go to everything I can," he said.

Chiklis said he and his family do follow several Los Angeles pro teams as well.

"It's natural because we live here and most of our friends are fans of teams out here," said Chiklis. "But the Dodgers and Kings are our second favorite teams. As for the NBA, the only thing I wouldn't allow anybody to be is Lakers fans, under any circumstance. So we follow the Clippers."

Chiklis traveled to Colorado in 2007 to see the Red

Sox sweep the Rockies. After a few players noticed him as they were celebrating, he was pulled onto the field and celebrated with them.

His affinity for the Patriots goes back to his childhood, when he not only followed the team, but also played football under the great Dick Collins at Andover High.

In fact, over the last few years, he has become close to Tom Brady.

"I played in his Best Buddies tag football game," Chiklis said. "In the (first) game I played, I went out for a pass and (Julian) Edelman was covering me. I did a long out pattern and probably pushed Edelman. As soon as I turned around, the ball was in my hands, touchdown. It was the first play from scrimmage."

"Tom Brady is amazing," said Chiklis. "He could pull into a 99 (Restaurant), look down the bar and grab any guy and make him a star."



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Andover native Michael Chiklis sports a Boston Red Sox cap during a radio interview at Super Bowl XLIX in Phoenix. The actor says New England sports teams keep him connected to his hometown and Greater Boston.

What he has done with receivers we've never heard of is incredible."

Other than saying "Hi" to coach Bill Belichick, however, he has never spent any time with the Patriots head coach.

"He's awesome, probably the best that's ever coached the game," Chiklis said. "I love that he's so curmudgeonly. If you're a player and you could get a wisp of a grin from him, your heart

must leap out of your chest. Even a half grin. I love the guy and what he has built."

Chiklis planned to meet up in Arizona with several Boston-native celebrities, including comedian Dane Cook and TV host Maria Menounos, among others.

"We will be bragging about our team, of course," Chiklis said. "We are the luckiest fans in the world. I hope everybody back home realizes that."

Pre-game workout for a cause

Super Bowl Sunday fundraiser benefits firefighters charity

By BILL KIRK
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For most people, Super Bowl Sunday is a chance to grab some couch time, with chips, guacamole and wings.

But for Tracy Callahan, an instructor at Yang's Fitness Center in Andover, it was a chance to do a little pre-game work-out while raising money for a good cause.

Sunday's Super Bowl morning workout at Yang's was centered around firefighting.

Callahan and about 40 participants, including several Andover firefighters, hauled heavy ropes to mimic fire hoses and carried 44-pound backpacks on steeply inclined treadmills to simulate climbing up a flight of stairs with an oxygen tank.

"It was really fun and I raised \$1,615 for the Last Call Foundation," she said.

Callahan is running the Boston Marathon for the firefighters charity, and needs to raise \$5,000. She said Sunday's workout was a great start.

The Last Call Foundation raises money to promote safety and research for firefighters and first responders.

It was started in honor of Michael Kennedy, the Boston firefighter who died when the fire hose he was using melted, leaving him without any water.

The money raised is going toward research on making fireproof hoses as well as other safety upgrades for firefighters in the field, she said.

Anyone who wants to make a donation to Last Call Foundation in support of Callahan's marathon run can go to www.crowdrise.com/lastcallfoundation/fundraiser/



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

Mona Bond attempts to haul local firefighter Bruce Belbin during one of the workout drills.



Trainer Susan Lucy guides firefighter Ian Timmons and his girlfriend through a pre-Super Bowl Sunday workout to benefit the firefighters charity Last Call Foundation.



Members of the Andover Fire Department demonstrate workout methods using a rope in place of a fire hose during Sunday's pre-Super Bowl workout at Yang's Fitness Center to benefit the Last Call Foundation.

MILITARY SERVICE

Army Pvt. Luis A. Mateo, a graduate of Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover, has completed basic combat training at Fort Benning, Ga.

During the nine-week training period, he received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values.

Mateo is the brother of Lisbeth Mateo of Lawrence.

Ironstone Farm honored as 'secret treasure'



COURTESY PHOTO

Deedee O'Brien, executive director of Ironstone Farm in Andover, accepts the Nonprofit of the Year Award from Past Grand Knight Paul Dollard during the Andover Knights of Columbus' annual Winter Warm-up Dinner Dance last weekend.

Andover's Ironstone Farm was lauded as the Nonprofit of the Year by the Andover Knights of Columbus at its Winter Warm-up Dinner Dance over the weekend at Tewksbury Country Club.

The horse farm on Route 133 provides physical and occupational therapies, speech and language pathology and therapeutic and recreational riding to benefit children and adults with special needs, combat veterans with post-traumatic stress, people diagnosed with cancer, teens at risk, elders with memory issues, children seeking adoptions and others.

Members of the Knights of Columbus said that the award was an "opportunity to recognize and honor one of Andover's secret treasures, Ironstone Farm."

The nonprofit organization is in the midst of a five-year capital campaign to further expand its facilities and programs to benefit more people. This month, the farm is putting the finishing touches on what will be an Arts and Education Center for adults with special needs that will help teach life skills.

The Winter Warm-up Dinner Dance began with cocktails, silent auction and hors d'oeuvres, followed by a performance featuring the Acting Out theater company, as well as dinner and dancing. Just in time for the Super Bowl, one guest went home with a 50-inch TV, following a raffle.

To learn more about Ironstone Farm, visit www.ironstonefarm.org.

Celebrations

Engagement



Dudley - Mertiri

Renee Dudley and Alket Mertiri, both of Boston, are to be married. Miss Dudley is the daughter of Tom Dudley of Andover and the late Paulette Dudley. Mr. Mertiri is the son of Athina Mertiri of Roslindale and the late Piro Mertiri. A September wedding in Andover is planned.

Sports

SPRINT STAR



Hannah Ameen, third from right, surges to victory last spring. After setting the Andover High school record in the 100-meter dash as a junior, Ameen has continued to star on the track this winter and is on the verge of another record.

Record-setting Ameen excels for MVC champ girls track

BY DAVID WILLIS
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Hannah Ameen knew she had scored a huge finish. She even knew that she had run a new personal record.

But at the end of a big race last spring, the sprinter had no idea she had just made history.

"When I finished, my coach (Peter Comeau) told me I had just run the school record," she said. "I wasn't striving for it and didn't know I was that close, so it was an amazing surprise."

Ameen wrote her name into the Andover High record books when she set the new school record in the 100-meter dash with a 12.45.

The senior is right back at it this winter, running on the winning 4x200 relay and placing second in the 55-meter to help lead the Golden Warriors to the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 meet title over the past weekend.

"It was such an exciting way to get the season going," Ameen said. "The boys won the state relays, so we had to come back and win something big."

That was yet another huge accomplishment in an outstanding career for Ameen, who is also a soccer standout on the verge of setting another Andover record.

"Hannah is the heart of our sprint program," Comeau said. "She is tough, no-nonsense and leads by example. She is one of the elite sprinters in the state and isn't far off from breaking the school's 55-meter record."

Building up to the record

It wasn't long ago that Ameen had only a passing interest in track.

It took some urging for Ameen, who grew up playing soccer, to give track a try following her freshman season on the pitch for the Warriors girls soccer team.



Hannah Ameen flies past the finish line last spring. Now, she's off to a fast start this season, leading the Golden Warriors to the MVC Division 1 meet crown over the weekend.

"I wanted to be involved in a sport along with soccer," said Ameen, who scored seven goals this fall. "I always had speed and people were always telling me I was fast. So I decided to try indoor track as a freshman."

"I knew I was going to be a sprinter right away. While all the other girls my age were trying the mile and 800, coach Comeau told me not to bother, because I was a sprinter. I liked it, but I didn't run outdoor track that year because I was playing club soccer."

Ameen again went out for track in the winter of her sophomore year, and began to hit her stride, scoring a pair of victories during the dual meet season.

With the encouragement of Comeau and her teammates, Ameen continued track into the spring season. That proved a breakout campaign. She began by taking fourth in the 100 at the Haverhill Invitational, then took second at the MVC Meet. She was also a member of the 4x100 that placed first at both meets.

"Coach Comeau really motivated me to stick with track in the spring," she said. "I could see right away that it made me more consistent. I saw that I was starting to catch up to the times of the older girls and passing them, and that really boosted my confidence."

Ameen continued to shine last winter. She won the 55 dash in all but one dual meet and placed second at the MVC Meet.

But that was nothing compared to what the next season had in store for her.

Last spring, Ameen won the 100 at the Haverhill Invitational, placed second at the Andover Boosters Meet and the MVC Meet and took sixth at the Eastern Mass.

Her biggest moment, however, came in a dual meet against North Andover, when her 12.45 broke the Andover High record of 12.46 set by All-Scholastic Christina Muccio in 2010.

"I really didn't know how close I was," she said. "You hear the name Christina Muccio around town and hear

GIRLS WIN MVC TITLE

After missing nearly all of last spring due to injuries, Hannah Chapman was back to her old ways, winning the 55 hurdles in 8.84 and placing second in the long jump with a 15-9.50 as Andover rolled to the MVC Division 1 meet title with 130.5 points, well ahead of No. 2 Lowell (85 points).

Lizzie Kobelski was right next to Chapman, winning the long jump (16-3.75) and placing second in the 55 hurdles (8.95). Sarah Rothmann took victory in the mile (5:20.32), while Michelle Gencorelli took second in the 300, Caroline Walcome was third in the 2-mile and Drea Grieco was third in the high jump.

The Warriors were as dominant as ever in the relays, winning the 4x800 (Grace O'Hara, Emily Rothmann, Colleen Mullins, Sarah Rothmann) in 9:50.60 and the 4x200 (Hannah Ameen, Gencorelli, Miranda Lawrence, Audrey Adam) in 1:47.76.

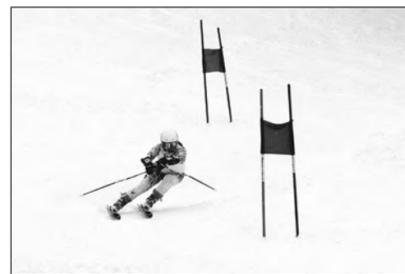
how great she was at track. So it was exciting to break her record. Now my name is on the board of (school track) records by the gym. That's exciting. "Going into All-States ranked was also exciting. Then we placed seventh in the 4x100 at Nationals, and that was amazing."

Ameen is now ready for the high expectations of her senior season.

"I love sprinting," said Ameen, who may run track in college. "I love how fast it is. I see the girls after the longer races get sick and I'm glad that doesn't happen to me."

"The whole key is to get a good start. I make sure I am warmed up enough and I am focused when I get into the (starting) blocks. I have to get out hard and don't want to let anyone pass me."

► HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Sara Faigel sails to victory on the slopes last week. She took first individually and led the Golden Warriors as a team to its win over ski power Masconomet.

Faigel leads pack, takes girls skiing to victory

GIRLS SKIING

Sara Faigel earned victory in 22.32 as Andover beat Masconomet 76-59 last Friday. Olivia Lawler was next in for the Golden Warriors for fifth, while Cayley Denoncourt was seventh and Meaghan Farrell placed 12th for the winners.

SWIMMING

Shi, Warriors take second

Eric Shi scored the team's lone victory of the night, taking the 100 breaststroke (1:20.28), but Andover's depth nearly earned the upset as the Golden Warriors placed second at the MVC Championship with 337 points, just short of champion Chelmsford (345).

Adi Arifovic took second in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle, Max Blanch was third in the 100 butterfly and Zach Beucier took third in the 500 freestyle. The 200 freestyle relay was second and 400 freestyle relay was third.

Adi Arifovic took the 100 freestyle (50.63), Eric Shi won the 200 IM (2:03.21) and 100 breaststroke (1:37.12), Max Blanch won the 100 butterfly (56.69) and they teamed with Kellen McAuliffe to take the 200 freestyle relay as Andover beat Haverhill 98-88 last Monday.

BOYS TRACK

Hurdles lead the way

Andover's dynamic duo of Sebastian Silveira (7.56) and Sean Caveney (7.71) placed first and second in the 55 hurdles and teamed with Sean Roselle and Ray Gorzela to win the 4x200 relay as Andover placed third as a team at the MVC Division 1 meet on Friday.

Jeremy Travaglini added the Warriors' other individual victory, winning the 300 in 36.13, and teamed with Andrew Luccia, Gorzela and Hamza Naveed to take the 4x400 relay in 3:26. Sean Roselle added a third in the 55 dash and Naveed was third in the 300 for the Warriors.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Olson's career day

Having never scored more than one goal in a game, Jojo Olson erupted for a hat trick as Andover beat Acton-Boxboro 4-1 on Saturday. Jess Leone added the other Golden Warrior goal, while Jillian Hughes had two assists and Carolyn Hughes and Hannah Littlewood each chipped in with one helper.

GYMNASTICS

McDonald delivers

Kaitlyn McDonald won the bars (8.9) and was fourth in the all-around (35.95) to help Andover place first in a quad meet (141.15 points), beating North Andover (138.8), Dracut (132.55) and Methuen (102.3) last Thursday, Jan. 29. Courtney Carver took a Warrior-high second in the all-around and Joe Aronov won the vault.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Giribaldi comes up clutch

David Giribaldi scored 18 of his game-high 25 points in the second half, including 13 in Andover's 28-point third quarter as the Golden Warriors rallied to best Billerica 62-56 last Friday. Gabriel Hernandez added 12 points for the winners.

E.J. Perry IV scored 21 points as Andover beat Lowell 65-52 on Sunday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Casey, Warriors roll

Alyssa Casey scored 20 points and Jillian Webber starred on defense to lead Andover to a 64-49 win over Lowell on Sunday. Colleen Caveney chipped in with 15 points for the winners.

WRESTLING

Marcotte shines

Matt Marcotte scored a 4-0 victory at 126 pounds as Andover beat Leominster 42-36 but fell to Lincoln-Sudbury 54-21 on Sunday. Nate Dykstra (113 pounds), Matt Meagher (120) and Matt Stamos (182) also had wins for the Warriors.

BOYS SKIING

Resnick paces Warriors

Neil Resnick finished a team-high eighth (21.79) while Mike Buher tied for 13th (21.92) as Andover beat Haverhill 132-3, but lost to Masconomet 85.5-49.5 last Thursday Jan. 29.

Silver-medal skate for local teen

Andover High School junior Leah Gens is celebrating her silver-medal finish as a member of the Lexettes synchronized figure skating team in international competition last week.

The Lexettes represented the U.S. at the Mozart Cup held in Salzburg, Austria, where it competed against 17 other synchronized teams from around the world.

It was the first international silver medal in the team's history. Gens and her teammates compete in both the short and free programs.

Gens, who kept a blog about the competition with a fellow teammate, has been skating for several years, the past six as a member of various Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams based in Lexington. The team draws skaters from across the country. Last summer, Gens obtained the status of Triple

Gold Medalist after passing her third Senior/Gold in the free skate. Gens, who practices four times a week with her team in addition to working on her individual skating skills, is coached by Erika Hammar of North Andover and trains at Phillips Academy Ice and Valley Forum Skating Rink and with the Northeast Ice Skating Club. In addition to being appreciative of her coach, the club and the staff at the various rinks, Gens says she is thankful for the continued support of the Andover High School community.

The next major competition for the Lexettes is the Junior World Qualifier this Friday and Saturday in Marlborough. The team is vying to be selected for the World Championship and hoping to defend its National Champion title at nationals in March in Providence, R.I.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's Leah Gens, left front holding the flag, is a member of the Lexettes synchronized figure skating team that captured a silver medal in international competition last week.

'I owe this school a lot'

Belichick holds 1 year at Phillips in high regard

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One of the first stories I wrote about New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick was when he was hired in January of 2000. I hunted through yearbooks and talked to coaches who had been around 30 years earlier, when he attended Phillips Andover Academy.

Belichick, who captured his fourth Super Bowl win on Sunday with the Patriots, first stepped foot on the campus in September of 1970, a quiet, sports-minded, 18-year-old post-graduate student from Annapolis, Md.

The only son of Steven and Jeannette Belichick remembers being nervous. His father was a military man, having served in the Navy while later working at the Naval Academy as a teacher and coach. He had a disciplined view of the outside world.

"It was a culture shock at first," recalled Belichick when I interviewed him for the story in 2000. "Andover gave me an appreciation of a lot of different things. Having grown up in a somewhat conservative military environment, I got a more liberal view of things."

Belichick found Andover after talking to a Navy assistant coach while at a football practice with his dad. The assistant had attended Andover and recommended the young Belichick give it a shot.

"I didn't work very hard in high school," Belichick said as to why he needed a year after high school to improve his academic standing. "I loved to play sports, like most of my friends."

Not only did Phillips come with a great reputation, it also offered an opportunity for him to come to New England.

"I loved Nantucket," said Belichick, who had visited the summer home of a

buddy from Annapolis a few times. "And I really liked New England, being close to the ocean."

Belichick had his difficult moments, particularly during his first month in Andover.

"I struggled academically at the beginning, feeling like I was way out of my element," he said. "The students were so smart, light years ahead of me. ... One day I just told myself that I had to pick it up if I wanted to keep up with everybody else."

Belichick was heavily influenced by Phillips football coach Steve Sorota, who divided football into two distinct categories: science and power.

Belichick continues to embrace the philosophy in his role as the New England Patriots head football coach.

"Steve was an impressive coach," said Belichick of the famed Sorota, who died in June 2001.

"He had so many great qualities," Belichick said. "Not only did he know the game on a detailed level, but I saw the way Steve pulled together a lot of PGs (post-graduates) like myself each year and got them to play together."

Belichick had such a great time at the campus on Main Street in Andover that he chose to stay in New England and attend tiny Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., which had less of a football tradition than Phillips Andover.

Lessons in football and film

Belichick was not an impressive football talent. He wasn't particularly quick or fast at a bulky 5-foot-10 and 175 pounds. But he was very good at knowing the offense. Sorota put him at center at Phillips Andover.

"Bill wasn't the best athlete on the team, but nobody worked harder in practice and nobody was in better shape," Dana Seero, an

Andover native on the team, said in 2000. "I was a tackle. And I always remembered Bill knew where everybody was supposed to be. He was solid all the time."

Watching films wasn't yet a formal process of the game in 1970, as it is today. Under Sorota, it was mandatory. And Belichick, along with fellow lineman Ernie Adams (who later followed Belichick to Cleveland as an assistant and is now a special assistant with the Patriots), saw enough football film to start their own movie company.

"The reason Steve (Sorota) was such a great coach was he devised a system based on the players he had. So it changed every year," Seero said. "To be successful, you had to study the game a lot. I think Andover is where Bill and Ernie really saw the game (as a science)."

Seero saw another trait back then that he still sees now in the Patriots head coach: Belichick's work ethic. Seero recalled seeing the "practice until it's right" that fall.

"I remember seeing him always staying late working on his long-snapping," Seero recalled. "He never once messed up a long snap on a punt or kick. We never worried when he had the ball in his hands."

That 1970 Phillips Andover football team will go down in history. Not only did it beat its longtime rival Phillips Exeter, but it went undefeated.

It was Sorota's last undefeated team.

"I remember he played his best game against, I think, Lawrenceville (Academy)," Seero recalled of Belichick, 30 years earlier. "They were tough as nails. They all looked five years older than us. It was the only game we had to come from behind. But I remember we ran the ball real well that day and I recall Bill doing a lot of



Bill Belichick, No. 50, in action for the 1970 Phillips Andover Academy football team.

heavy lifting."

Dedicated to lacrosse at Phillips, too

While Belichick is noted for his football exploits, primarily as a coach, his better sport was lacrosse, growing up in the hotbed of the sport in Maryland.

Paul Kalkstein will never forget the 1971 boys lacrosse team at Phillips Andover.

That was his first year teaching at the school and he assisted head coach, Bob Halberg, one of the best lacrosse coaches at all levels, in New England. That 1971 lacrosse team was one of the best the school ever had. It finished the season 12-1, winning the New England Championship. More than a half-dozen players went on to play lacrosse in college.

"Bill didn't start, but he was a very skilled player," said Kalkstein, of Belichick's lacrosse talent. "He grew up in the heart of lacrosse country in Maryland. He knew the game before he got here. He had to wear a brace because of a bad knee. But he was always there, always playing hard."

Seero, who later played lacrosse at Princeton, was also on the team. The only loss that year was to a college freshmen team. Every other match was a Phillips Andover romp.

"I look back on the year

in football and lacrosse. We were 8-0 (in football) and 12-1 (in lacrosse)," Seero recalled in 2000.

"That's a pretty impressive record, only one loss in two sports, playing pretty good competition."

Belichick still loyal to Andover

While he may have graduated more than 44 years ago, a piece of Belichick's heart has always remained at one of the world's most prestigious prep schools.

For years, he continued to return to the annual alumni lacrosse games. He has also kept in contact with a few coaches, including current football coach Leon Modeste.

Belichick also returns to Andover to help recruit students, signing autographs and taking pictures with prospective student-athletes.

After the Patriots won the Super Bowl in February 2002, he visited the school and was treated to a video of the Super Bowl run a few weeks earlier before a huge assembly.

It was as if the president was in town.

"I've heard people say things about his personality, that he's not a nice guy ... I don't know what these people are talking about," said Modeste, who also was the school's

basketball coach for nearly two decades. "He is such an impressive person. He doesn't have to come in here and talk to me. But he's great. And when he's here, he gets together with the kids."

While it was just one year of his life that Belichick attended Phillips Andover Academy, the experience appears to have laid the framework for his eventual employment with the New England Patriots.

His only daughter, Amanda Belichick, also attended Andover, living there for four years. She now is a women's lacrosse coach at Wesleyan University, where she was a student, too.

"To think of all the incredibly talented people that I was around," Belichick told the boisterous student body at Cochran Hall. "There was (Florida governor and possible Republican presidential candidate) Jeb Bush, (actress) Dana Delaney, (Rhode Island) Sen. Lincoln Chafee. ... The people sitting in front of you, beside you and behind you, there are some incredibly special, talented people all around you."

"The biggest honor one can receive is to be honored by your school," Belichick said. "My one year in Andover was one of the best experiences of my life. I owe this school a lot."



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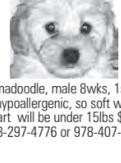
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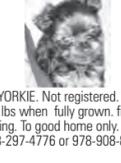
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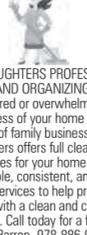
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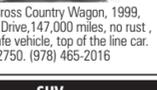
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are listed on the census form. The census was mailed out Jan. 15. Anyone who does not receive a form by Feb. 13 should call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255 or visit the town website at www.andoverma.gov and search for "Census Form" to download a copy. Failing to return the local census form may affect a resident's voting status.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- **5 Oak St.:** Eldamar Properties LLC to Katherine Goldstein and Michael Marciano, \$362,500
- **5 Rogers Brook West:** Tracy Jimenez to Ellen Lemaitre and Jed Maczuba, \$745,000
- **17 Sugarbush Lane:** Cynthia C. Garcia to Tianhua Chu and Wen Lu, \$666,500
- **4 Colonial Drive, Unit 7B:** Margaret McCarthy-Morgan to Bryan R. Greene, \$134,000
- **49 Elm St.:** William C. Cotter and US Bank NA to US Bank NA Trust, \$400,000
- **20 Essex St.:** 26 Essex Street RT and Barry R. Finegold to 26 Essex Street Owner LLC, \$212,011
- **174 Haverhill St., Unit 32A:**

- Shirley A. Foley Estate and Brian M. Foley to Brian M. Foley, \$340,000
- **32 Martingale Lane, Unit 32:** Albert F. Cullen Jr. Trustee and Ellen M. Cullen to Francis X. and Jane R. Ferrara, \$730,000
- **1 Powder Mill Square, Unit 308:** Jean S. Dunham to Roberta E. Hanigan RET and Roberta E. Hanigan, \$358,000

- **18 Prides Circle:** Alpha Development Corp. to Frank and Lauren Csongor, \$3,044,000
- **35 Tewksbury St.:** Bruce E. and Karen L. Spencer to Anna Monteith and Dylan Birch, \$290,000
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