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## LACK OF **P**ARKING NOT THE PROBLEM

### Study: Mix of pricing, times confusing; lots poorly marked; regulations hard to understand

BY TERRY DATE  
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A recently completed downtown parking study finds there's plenty of spots to wheel into — and even at peak demand times spaces can be found.

The problem, however, is that the management of those spaces is confusing, outdated and chaotic.

The 100-page Downtown Andover Parking Study released in December and completed over the last nine months by Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, uses consulting lingo to describe just what a mess the downtown parking situation really is.

The consultants found there is an "assortment" and a "mix" of "different time and pricing schedules in the downtown area."

Adding to that are a "variety of off-street parking regulations."

In fact, there are "seven different parking regulations" in the study area, comprised of about 200 acres of downtown, including municipal lots and public on-street parking.

The rules are so confusing, the study states, that in some places there are "various time limit restrictions, even on one block."

Making matters worse is that parking lots are hard to find: "There are relatively

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## Taxes to jump in proposed budget

BY TERRY DATE  
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The new town manager's recommended budget for the next fiscal year arrived to selectmen Tuesday with a 2.91 percent increase over current spending.

The \$177,926,592 budget and its presentation was Town Manager Andrew Flanagan's inaugural spending plan and proposes a \$5,044,575 increase over the approved budget for 2016, \$172,882,017.

The recommended spending plan is marked by the reorganization of several town departments under a single umbrella, a plan for funding the proposed new town yard without an over-ride vote and a \$2 million gap between what the School Department requests and what Flanagan proposes spending.

"His vision is going to be more efficient, work better and (create) a situation where the various groups work interdependently as opposed to independently," said Board of Selectmen Chairwoman Mary O'Donoghue.

The 2017 fiscal year runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

For Fiscal 2017, Flanagan recommends a \$167,521,027 operating budget, including spending for town and school departments, water and sewer enterprises, and fixed costs and obligations. He also proposes an \$11,791,328 allocation for capital projects, warrant articles and non-appropriated costs.

On the school side, Flanagan's recommends \$75,480,829. That's a 2.98 percent or \$2,184,238 increase over the 2016 spending

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Board of Selectmen  
Chairwoman Mary  
O'Donoghue

## Voters: Move town yard, improve roads and sidewalks

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Financial stability, downtown development, top-notch schools and a clean, vibrant place to live.

These are some of the major issues identified by an unofficial poll of a dozen or more people in Andover in advance of the March 22 town election.

The 13 men and women buttonholed by the Townsman in parks, street corners and shops across the town had other concerns as well: smooth-riding roads, swifter small-business approvals, respect for local history, and keeping the proposed Kinder-Morgan natural gas pipeline out of Andover.

Voters will ponder the

candidates' positions on these and other issues when they slide inside curtained booths and mark ballots for two selectmen to serve the town through spring 2019.

The field of candidates is three: incumbents Paul Salafia and Alex Vispoli, and School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert.

Town Yard

On a recent Wednesday afternoon at Mr. Gelato's shop, resident Steve Golden had two words for the issue most important to him in the coming year.

"Town yard," he said, sipping a Caffe Americano.

The proposed move of the town yard would relocate it from downtown on Lewis Street to Campanelli Drive. Golden envisions the move

having a domino effect, giving the town the opportunity to sell the current town yard's 4.5 acres, prime property located by the Andover train station.

"I would like to see the town yard and historic mill district including the Shawheen River Greenway as an opportunity to move forward for new vitality, and the redevelopment of that area," he

said.

**Economics, environment**

Meanwhile, the man behind the counter who made Golden's Caffe Americano, Peter Kekidi, owner of Mr. Gelato, says an issue important to him is the length of time it takes to get approvals for small businesses in

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## Persistent Ballardvale resident presses for new fire station



Richard Bowen wants the town to spend \$3M on 126-year-old building

BY TERRY DATE  
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A petition to renovate the 126-year-old Ballardvale fire station will go before Town Meeting once again.

This time, says its author, the town needs to listen to voters if it is approved.

Richard Bowen's newest petitioned warrant

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The town had to have a specially sized fire truck built to fit into the 126-year-old Ballardvale fire barn because of the low height of the garage door.

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# WARRANT

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article is asking voters to appropriate \$3 million for improvements to the existing Ballardvale Fire Station and build a 2,000- to 2,500-square-foot addition.

The addition is a two-story, two-bay, dormer-topped building with a front facing gable and tower, said Bowen.

Bowen, 89, sat straight in plaid bow tie, pressed khakis and gray sweater in an interview at his Ballardvale home.

"It is considerably less expensive than a free-standing alternative," he said.

Not everyone agrees with that assessment, among them the town fire chief.

Bowen's petitioned article would house a state-of-the-art fire engine and ambulance, a rescue boat and a forestry truck. It would also repair and improve the existing 126-year-old Ballardvale station.

He says the renovation and addition would cost from half to one-third as much as a newly constructed station would and achieve a similar end, while continuing to serve Ballardvale and neighboring residents and respect the historical landscape.

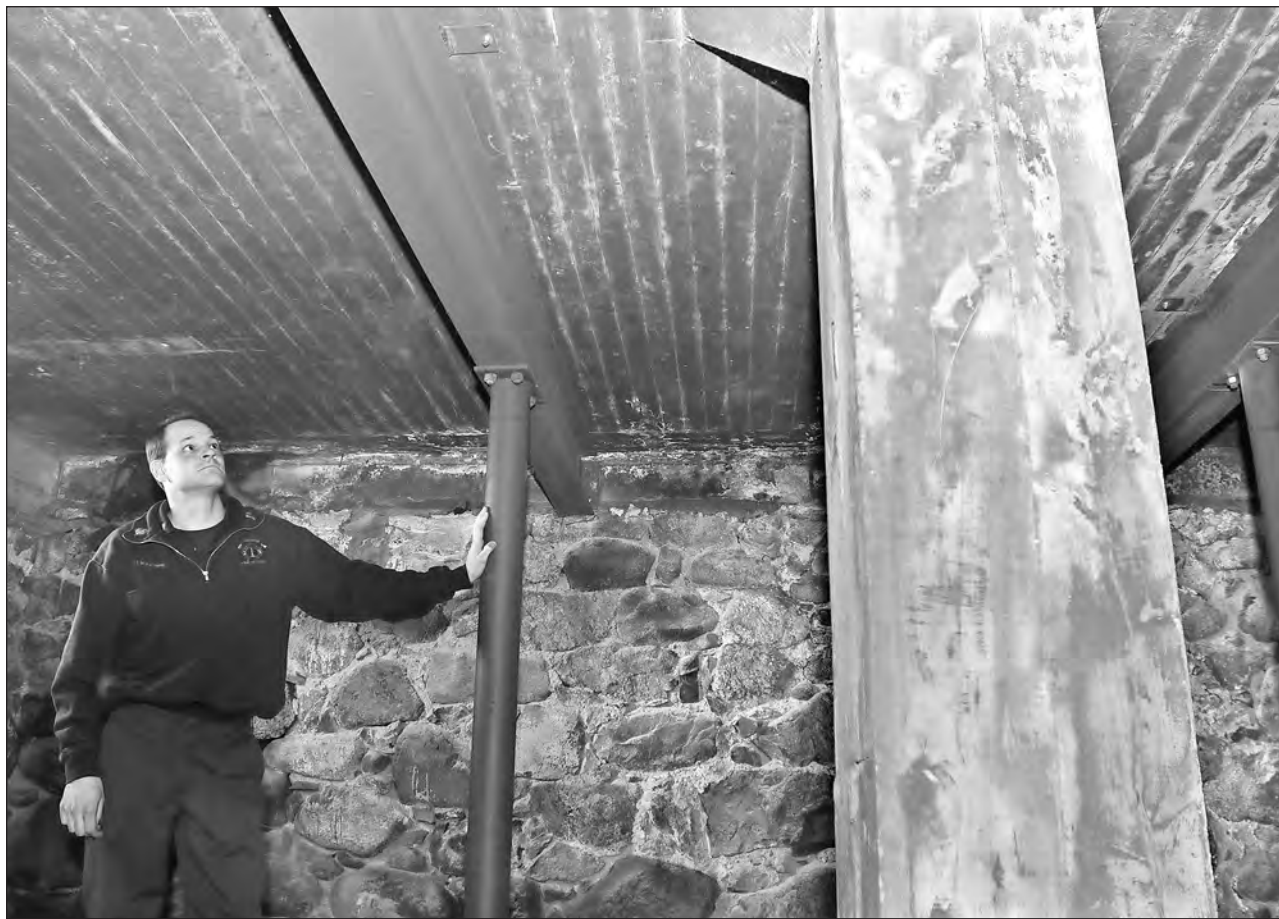
But Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield says spending \$3 million to upgrade a 126-year-old station would be ill advised.

He favors building a new facility that meets all code requirements and locating it where it better serves a larger portion of the community.

"(You'll) have a building that is going to last another 100 years for about six and a half million dollars," Mansfield said.

The fire chief said two town studies say keeping the current location at the corner of Andover Street and Clark Road is not conducive to good response times in the southern part of town.

Engineering studies have shown the building is old, in need of repair, and should be razed.



2009 FILE PHOTO

The Ballardvale fire house, built in 1890, is considered too small to properly house the fire engine and crew and is in need of major repairs. Andover Fire Lt. Keith Weightman stands in the basement directly under where the fire truck is kept. Metal beams and poles were added to help the aging cement pole (right) support the basement ceiling and station floor the truck is on.

But Bowen is adamant about not moving from Ballardvale.

"There is a public safety concern for the Vale if it is moved," Bowen said.

Both Bowen and Mansfield maintain the Ballardvale Station is inadequate.

The current station lacks space for modern fire apparatus, built at a time when firefighters responded to fires in horse-drawn, steam-powered engines, Mansfield said.

Bowen said that for 50 years he has heard talk about replacing the Ballardvale station. He and his wife moved to Andover in 1964.

"Over the years it has been proposed that something be done with it," Bowen said. "And then there is a certain amount of activity — and then it dies."

Bowen's initiative, on the warrant by virtue of local



The Ballardvale fire station is at a difficult intersection. If the truck needs to make a left turn out of the garage it has to do a multi-point turn, delaying response time and creating a traffic jam.

registered voters signing a petition, proposes follow-up on the 2014 Town Meeting

approved plan to renovate and add to the Ballardvale station.

The new article says to town officials: release the pause button you placed

on the plan last March and press the play button to fulfill the voters' will, Bowen maintains.

"Does what Town Meeting says have any meaning?" Bowen asked.

"If town meeting votes to do something, don't you do it?," he again asked, his voice rising. "Well, this proposal I've made, in a warrant article, gives town meeting once again the opportunity to do something."

Meanwhile, officials say the article is on hold because its \$200,000 funding for plans falls far short of what is needed to carry out an architectural plan.

"The money that was approved did not adequately address what the article intended," said Selectman Paul Salafia.

The 2014 article approved \$200,000 for plans, specifications, drawings for an addition with building space for a standard apparatus and renovation of the station's living quarters and offices. It stipulated that funding for the renovation and addition would be provided in a later article.

An architect advised officials a year ago that it would cost \$700,000 for those plans, so selectmen tabled the plan last March.

Salafia says there is a current town facilities studies that will identify and prioritize the new fire station along with all the other buildings in town.

The town will take up the Ballardvale question and other citizens petitions as well as 49 town articles at Town Meeting at Andover High. The first night of the meeting is, Monday, May 2.

The article would transfer sums of \$100,000, \$200,000 and \$66,000 from Articles 25 and 26 of the 2014 Town Meeting, and Article 34 of the 2009 Town Meeting, and borrow \$2,634,000.

While the fire chief opposes the Ballardvale upgrade and addition he credits Bowen with keeping the station debate alive.

"I give Dick Bowen a lot of credit for keeping the issue in the forefront," he said.

# VOTE

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Andover.

He wants the town to make it easier for small businesses

to open stores.

"For licenses and zoning approvals you have to wait three months ...," he said, "that's not good for the town or the business owner."

Golden and Kekidi weren't

the only locals to list the town yard and downtown development high on their issue list.

Mike Ellis did, as well.

He and his wife, Vita, and their 16-month-old daughter, Olivia, live near downtown and were out for a walk, pushing their baby in a stroller, the family enjoying the 62-degree temperatures this balmy February mid-afternoon.

"I'd like to see Andover's downtown become a destination," said Mike Ellis.

The family likes living in town. And quality of life is important. Vita is curious to see how the removal of two dams from the Shawsheen River will play out in the coming year.

They live close to the river and are curious how the dam removals might impact their home value and offer the family more recreational opportunities.

## Education

School stability was a critical issue to several people we spoke with, among them, Mei Zhou, a mom with three grown children.

She says the school system has been plagued by turnover at key administrative positions such as superintendent



Sidewalks and roads are a big concern of local residents. Here, Highway Superintendent Mark Fournier stands next to a sidewalk intersection that was recently redone as part of a handicapped-accessibility project.

and high school principal. She likes what she sees in the new superintendent, Sheldon Ber-

man, and the new high school principal, Philip Conrad.

Andover High graduate Alex Macheras, 26, now attending law school, echoed Zhou's thoughts.

Macheras said he valued the stability of having same high school principal, Peter Anderson, during his time at

the school.

Alex said he's noticed and been concerned about the high turnover rate for high school principal since Anderson retired in 2009.

Alex's parents, Jenny and Nick Macheras, echoed their son's concerns about school stability.

## Infrastructure

On the town side they

identified the proposed Morgan Kinder pipeline as an issue important to them. They do not want to the natural gas pipeline in Andover.

Two residents identified roads and sidewalks as important issues.

Melissa Richards, a married mom with two kids, is concerned about their being sidewalks and curbing, safe places for people, especially kids, to walk, especially kids.

Her son attends South School. There are limited sidewalks in that area and she would worry if her son walked to the school.

"It would be dangerous," she said/

Likewise, Ishwar Devi Chaand is concerned about infrastructure.

"My issue is the roads," said Chaand, who lives at Chestnut Court and says the roads near there are in poor condition.

## Taxes

Longtime residents Pat and Fran O'Neil had a host of issues on their minds. The Summer Street residents like living in Andover but worry about rising property taxes and affordability, not for them but their children and many elderly residents.

"They have been increasing every year," Patricia said of taxes.

She is also concerned about the preservation of historic homes.

Francis is concerned about cuts to the school budget

He and his wife have grandchildren in the school system they want them to get the good education that Andover has been known for delivering over the years.

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**MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM**

Here's what's in store for young people at the library at 2 North Main St.:

**Find-Out Friday**, Friday, Feb. 19, 3:45 p.m., for ages 5 to 8. Register at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar).

**Family Book Bingo**, Saturday, Feb. 20, 2:30 p.m., for all ages. Register at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar).

**Pajama Party**, Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. The evening story time, open to preschoolers and a favorite adult, will include stories, songs, a short movie and a craft. Pick up a token in the Children's Room before the

program.

**Junior Friends of MHL**, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m., for ages 8 to 11. Contact [kbelczyk@mhl.org](mailto:kbelczyk@mhl.org) to register.

**AlphaBuddies**, Thursday, Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m., for ages 4 and 5 and a favorite adult. Register at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar).

**Around the World in 30 minutes**, Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m., for infants to age 5 and an adult. Explore different languages through songs, rhymes, stories and games. For native speakers and those who want to

expose their child to different languages and cultures at an early age. Pick up a token in the Children's Room.

**Dads and Doughnuts**, Saturday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. Open to preschoolers and their families, the story time includes a craft. After stories, guests can enjoy doughnut holes, coffee and juice.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

**Preschool story times**, including Wiggle Words, Make Way for Toddlers, Little Listeners and

Afternoon Time, are now in session with even more program offerings, including additional classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Class times will shift slightly; check for the final schedule at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar). Pick up a token in the Children's Room before each program.

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library; registration is requested. For more information or to sign up, visit [www.mhl.org](http://www.mhl.org), or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

**MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY TEENS**

There's a ton of fun in store for teens at MHL.

Upcoming events for teens at the library include:

**Movie Nights**, Tuesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m. Movies are selected the day of the movie night.

**Tabletop Games Tournament**, Thursday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m. Find out who will win Ultimate Tabletop Gamer.

**Sushi Candle DIY**, Monday, Feb. 22, 3 p.m. Make candles that look like sushi rolls. Registration is required.

**Super Smash Bros. Tournament**, Friday, Feb. 26, 2:30 p.m. Go head-to-head in the ultimate

Mario battle.

**Once in a Leap Year Party**, Monday, Feb. 29, 3 p.m. Take part in activities that can only be done once every four years.

All programs and activities are at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. MHL events are for teens in grades six through 12. Register online at [www.mhl.org/eventcalendar](http://www.mhl.org/eventcalendar) or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information. Teens can also check out the blog for news, events and other fun stuff at <http://mhlteenroom.tumblr.com> and follow the Teen Room on Instagram @mhlteenroom.

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## Mrs. Lisa Marie Battaglia-Schwartz, 55 Years

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ANDOVER — Mrs. Lisa Marie Battaglia-Schwartz, a resident of Andover, formerly of Sudbury and beloved wife of Dr. Steven Schwartz, passed away at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington on Tuesday evening, February 9, 2016. She was 55 years old.

Born in Erie, Pa., on December 31, 1960, she was the daughter of Jack and Doris M. (Markiewicz) Battaglia. Lisa was graduate of Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania and had also attended the Sheffield School of Design. She had worked as an Interior Designer for many years. Lisa also worked as a buyer for the Taggerts Men's Shop, Narragansett, and a district manager for Irresistables. In her spare time, Lisa enjoyed cooking, gardening and extensive travel with her beloved husband Steven. She was proud to be a volunteer at the Cancer Center at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center. Above all, she was a very devoted wife, daughter, sister and aunt. She will be dearly missed.

Besides her husband, Steve and parents, Jack and Doris, she is survived by her loving siblings, Mark J. Battaglia of Ft. Myers, Fla., Jonathan R. and his wife, Heather of San Jose, Calif. and Stacy L. and her husband, John Gromacki of Erie; nieces and nephews, Phoebe and Page Gromacki, and Casey, Melanie, Roslynn, and Samuel Knapp, and aunts and uncles, Carol and Edward Zimm and Patty Muscarella.



She is also survived by Pearl Schwartz, wife of the late Donald Schwartz, Alysia R Knapp and her husband, Kenneth C Knapp.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at 9:15 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, on Friday, February 12, 2016, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in the West Parish Garden Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Lisa's memory to be accepted by the Cholangiocarcinoma Society, 5526 West 13400 South, #510, Salt Lake City, UT 84096. - To donate by phone call (801) 999-0455.

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## ■ POLICE LOG

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### TUESDAY, FEB. 9

At 11:39 p.m., police received a 911 call from a man reporting that his girlfriend hit him on the head with glass and that he was bleeding. He said that he did not want an ambulance, but responding officers requested Andover Fire to respond. The girlfriend was arrested and the man was transported to the police station to file an emergency restraining order.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10

At 12:07 p.m., a female requested to speak with an officer at the station about a wallet stolen from her vehicle while it was parked at the YMCA on Haverhill Street.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Police received a call at 8:19 a.m., from a resident reporting that a set of tires and rims were stolen from one of their vehicles overnight on North Main Street.

At 11:06 a.m., a caller requested that an officer respond to Andover Street for vandalism done to their building.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 12

At 11:15 a.m., police received a call reporting that a man was punching himself in the face and running around his car in a parking lot on River Road. The man, Joseph D. Alimonti, 37, of 28 Belmont St., Melrose, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of drugs, possession of a Class A substance and possession of a Class B substance.

At 12 p.m., an officer pulled over a vehicle for failure to signal. The passenger, Jason R. Baker, 44, of 110 Capital Hill Dr., Apt. 1, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested on a warrant for breaking and entering during the daytime.

Sunday, Feb. 14

Officers responded to Andover Street at 12:17 a.m., for a single-vehicle crash. Stacy Ota, 23, of 983 Hall St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested

and charged with a marked lanes violation, impeding operation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 12:29 a.m., a caller on Main Street called police to report seeing three cars "with teens in them that appeared they may get into a fight." The caller said that all vehicles left heading north on Route 28, but responding officers did not locate the vehicles.

At 11:53 a.m., a Red Spring Road resident called police to report that some lights had been stolen from his truck.

Police received a 911 call at 4:31 p.m., reporting "aggressive snowmobilers who may be intoxicated" on Willard Circle. Responding officers checked the area, but did not find anything.

At 7:58 p.m., officers arrested Francis Garcia, 33, of 60 Thayer St., Apt. 1H, New York, N.Y., on a warrant for breaking into a depository.

The suicide hotline reported to police at 10:42 p.m., that a Shepley Drive resident was on the line and reported that her son "shot up with something" and was being violent toward her. Responding officers arrested Kyle N. Welsh, 18, of 5 Shepley Dr., and charged him with possession of a Class E substance with intent to distribute.

### MONDAY, FEB. 15

A Bellevue Road resident called 911 at 3:31 p.m., to report that the front window of her home was open and the alarm had been triggered. She reported that nothing appeared missing, but detectives were dispatched to the scene for a breaking and entering.

At 9:13 p.m., a man called 911 to report that his daughter had found his ex-wife deceased in her home on Bradley Road. Officers and Andover Fire were dispatched to the scene, and reported that this was an unattended death. Police also said that foul play was not suspected and that the death may have been medically related.

## Symphony, chamber orchestras in concert

The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel located on campus.

The program will include the Amadeus Chamber Orchestra performing Meditation from "Serenade for Strings" by Jack Jarrett directed by Christina Landolt and the 3rd movement of Felix Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No. 12 in G minor directed by Elizabeth Aureden.

Featured on the program is Janice Cheon, violin, PA '16, performing the 3rd movement of Tchaikowsky's Violin

Concerto in D Major, Op. 35 with the Academy Chamber Orchestra under the direction of James Orent. Orent will also direct the Academy Chamber Orchestra in Janáček's Suite for Strings and Boccherini's Sinfonia No. 6.

The Academy Symphony Orchestra, also directed by Orent, will perform The Gypsy Baron overture by Johann Strauss, Jr. and the 1st movement of Dvořák's Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Op. 88.

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# 'We felt the need to give back'

## Andover couple pledges \$1.25M to Lawrence General Hospital

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LAWRENCE — Richard Santagati has had a life-long connection to Lawrence General Hospital.

Santagati, the former president of Merrimack College, was born in the hospital and served on the hospital's board of trustees for 25 years.

On Thursday, he and his wife, Marilyn, announced they have pledged \$1.25 million to the hospital toward the construction of a new surgical center, among other additions. It is the largest single donation the hospital has ever received.

"I was born at this hospital, and my son was born at this hospital," said Santagati. "This isn't about brick and mortar, this is about you," he continued, motioning to the dozens of doctors, nurses, and surgeons in attendance for the announcement.

"With this new surgical center, we're going to be able to perform high quality, low cost procedures locally," said Santagati, "and the people of the Merrimack Valley deserve to have access to high quality healthcare close to home."

Santagati has served on the hospital board for close to 25 years — six years as the chairman and the past two years as chairman emeritus.

"This was our vision six years ago," said Dianne Anderson, President and CEO of Lawrence General Hospital. "We wanted to create facilities that match the top work our incredible staff are doing."

The expansion plan is a \$73 million investment, for which the hospital has raised partial funds from public bonds and bank placement funds. The hospital plans on announcing a capital campaign in the spring — reaching out to



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Longtime Lawrence General Hospital trustee Richard Santagati, right, with his wife Marilyn, announces his \$1.25 million pledge to the hospital during a ceremony in lobby of the Lawrence hospital.

the community for small donations.

Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera also spoke at the announcement, and expressed his pride that "a couple of Lawrence kids are reaching out and giving back."

"From one Lawrence kid to another, thank you so much. For a mayor to see cranes going up in his city, it's very exciting," Rivera said.

Rivera also mentioned the hospital's efforts to work with the city in regards to the Mayor's Health Task Force. About \$2.4 million of the hospital's investment plan will go towards that task force.

According to Jill McDonald Halsey, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer for Lawrence General, construction broke ground on the surgical building in May of 2015, and renovation is ongoing for the inpatient units. The surgical building is scheduled to be open for patients by this time next year, although she

didn't rule out an opening in late 2016.

The new surgical center will include larger operating rooms designed to allow for a broader range of complex surgical procedures.

Located adjacent to the Emergency Center, the new 42,450 square foot facility will include more than 35,000 square feet of new, surgical space outfitted for additional future expansion.

"This organization is so fortunate to have had the careful guidance of someone like Dick for so many years," said Matthew Caffrey, the current chairman board of trustees. "The urgent needs for this expansion came from patient demand, and also from the needs of technical advancements in the healthcare market. This will help propel us into the 21st century as a regional healthcare center."

Both Richard and Marilyn Santagati were born in Lawrence, and now live in Andover. She was a teacher

at Andover High School until 2007 when she started volunteering at Health Quarters and the Lawrence Coalition on Teen Pregnancy.

"I have a background in teaching," she said, "I actually began teaching in Lawrence, so my connection to this city is strong."

"We always thought we were blessed to be able to achieve what we have in education and it allowed us to make our way in the world, and in the end we felt the need to give something back," Richard Santagati said. "This is one way, financially, along with our time and effort to try and make a difference in an area that is close and personal to us which is healthcare and education."

Richard Santagati was president of Merrimack College from 1994 to 2008 and currently serves on the boards of several corporations, including Revlon, a cosmetics company based in New York.

## Baby, parents safe after being stranded on tram for 2 hours

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ANDOVER — George and Sabrina Lewis had originally planned to celebrate her 30th birthday in a warm place.

Concerns about the Zika virus, however, persuaded them to pick a colder locale — so they took a trip to the White Mountains and rode the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway Sunday afternoon. Sabrina, who turned 30 the day before, said she was looking forward to enjoying the scenic view.

George, 31, originally from Andover, and Sabrina, a Long Island native, brought along their 8-month-old daughter, Remy, and Paula Delfiol, 20, the au pair they employ. George and Sabrina are both avid skiers and said they had no reason to think anything would go awry with a tram that carries hundreds of skiers per day to and from one of the most skied mountains in New England.

But they were jolted — literally.

"All of a sudden it stopped," said George. They were among 41 people on the tram and were initially told there was a mechanical problem but it would soon be fixed. Another tram with seven passengers also stalled.

The incident happened shortly before 2 p.m.

They were suspended 40 feet in the air, they said, and at first, the passengers took it all in stride. After an hour or so passed, however, the attendants on the tram said they would have to do an emergency evacuation.

They couldn't get the tram going and the temperature was 4 below zero.

"She was in a snow suit," Sabrina said of Remy. "She started screaming." Another passenger gave her a jacket,



WMUR-TV VIA AP

People stand in a tram car Sunday after it became stuck 40 feet off the ground in sub-zero temperatures at Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway in Franconia, N.H. Crews rescued 48 people from two tram cars at the New Hampshire ski resort after they became stuck. A Cannon Mountain spokesman says officials said there was a service brake issue. Crews do not believe the cold temperature was a factor. No injuries were reported.

she said, and she held Remy closely. Someone else provided hand warmers to keep her feet warm, she added.

Eventually, Remy fell sound asleep — and stayed asleep for the rest of the ordeal, her parents said. As the temperature inside the tram got colder, passengers stamped their feet in an effort to keep warm, Sabrina said.

George said the body heat generated by 41 passengers kept the tram's interior from getting colder.

"My biggest fear was how long we're we going to be there," Sabrina said. The attendants on the tram opened up an emergency kit and worked with rescuers on the ground to set up a rope and pulley system, she said.

"They hoisted up a guy to the tram," George said, and helped the passengers get into large rescue bags, which covered a person up to the

shoulders.

George held Remy as he was lowered to safety on the ground. Sabrina and Delfiol descended separately.

"They were very efficient," Sabrina said of the Cannon Mountain employees and rescuers. "They did a really good job." Everyone on both trams was rescued within an hour, she said.

When the passengers arrived on the ground, pizza and hot chocolate awaited them, George said.

The Lewises are grateful to their fellow passengers who lent them jackets and hand warmers to keep Remy warm.

"We thanked everybody profusely," George said.

The Lewises and the other passengers survived the ordeal unscathed. By Monday night, when they were interviewed by The Eagle-Tribune, little Remy was alert

and smiling. She is their first child.

"She will probably become an explorer when she grows up," her mother said.

George Lewis graduated from Andover High School, where he played hockey. He then went to Cornell, where he and Sabrina met.

George, who has earned a doctorate, is a biomedical engineer. Sabrina works in the medical device field and has a master's degree. They live in Trumbull, Conn.

George is the son of Diane Lewis, who taught Spanish at North Andover High School before she retired in 2010, and George Lewis Sr. They were staying with his parents during a weekend that none of them is likely to forget.

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## Calling all junior gardeners to an after school animal tracking adventure

There's an after school outdoor play date happening soon in town and it's a must-go for kids - and parents - looking to enjoy the outdoors this winter.

Children in grades one to four are invited to this free Andover Garden

Club-sponsored program. Participants will snowshoe and look for animals' trails, read a book about identifying tracks, and enjoy hot cocoa.

Warm outdoor clothing and boots are a necessity while snowshoes will be

provided, or participants may bring their own.

This "Animal-Tracking Adventure on Snowshoes" event is Monday, Feb. 29, from 4 to 5 p.m. at SHED Children's Campus, 65 Phillips St., Andover. Parents are asked to stay throughout the

hour-long program. (Event will be canceled if Andover Schools are closed due to inclement weather.)

Questions about the program may be directed to Paula Eriksen at 978-857-7251 or [paula.eriksen@mac.com](mailto:paula.eriksen@mac.com).

# ASHES-TO-GO

## South Church co-pastors take unusual approach to Ash Wednesday

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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A tradition going back nearly 1,500 years took on a modern twist last Wednesday when two pastors from South Church took to the streets to administer ashes to people getting their morning coffee or hopping the commuter rail to Boston.

Dana Allen Walsh and Alex Shea Will, co-pastors of their Central Street parish, spent about 90 minutes giving out ashes at the Andover train depot, greeting commuters taking the 7:06 a.m. train to Boston. Then they greeted coffee lovers on Main Street, making stops at Dunkin' Donuts and Starbucks.

A total of 15 people received ashes at the three locations, Will said. He acknowledged the recipient number was not high, but stressed the ashes-to-go concept startled some people while others simply weren't interested.

"This concept has been gaining traction across the country," Will said, noting that it was the first time his church offered ashes outside the church building and he is already committed to going on the road with ashes again next year.

He said reactions to his ashes-to-go were varied but overall, "it was a nice response."

"We heard everything," he said, referring to comments from passersby and those who did agree to partake in the custom. "Some people were shy and we certainly understood that. Some were not comfortable. But there were beautiful responses and lots of 'thank yous.'"

Will said the most memorable thank-you happened when a man pulled over his car near the commuter parking lot and said he had "talked to God last night and was looking for a sign of hope. Then he said we were his sign of hope. That man made this all worthwhile."

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent in the Christian calendar and has been observed by various Christian denominations for centuries.



Rev. Dana Allen Walsh of South Church giving ashes to Linda Hacker on Main Street.



Rev. Dana Allen Walsh, co-pastor of South Church, Andover, stands outside Starbucks last Wednesday, ready to rub ashes on the foreheads of believers as part of a celebration of Ash Wednesday.

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The South Church co-pastors wanted to assure people that Ash Wednesday isn't just for Catholics.

"While many well-intentioned Protestants assume that Ash Wednesday is a Catholic holiday, that is definitely not the case in 2016," Will said. "More and more Protestant churches have been offering Ash Wednesday services over the past 20 years. Much of this change has been led by those who don't believe rites and rituals belong to specific denominations but rather to the whole of the Church."

He and Walsh hit the road with their ashes reminding people that Lent does not have to be a dour and depressing time in one's life.

"Rather, Lent urges us to think about our lives - not so we might fear what is to come, but rather so we might live more fully in the present," Will said. "Our church may be 305 years old, but our thinking isn't. This is only one of the ways we hope that South Church will feel like a vibrant and relevant piece of the Andover community for years to come."

South Church is part of the United Church of Christ Congregation. Will has served as co-pastor at South Church since July.

The church is located at 41 Central St. For more information, see southchurch.com.

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**PARKING**

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few signs, and almost none of them are in close proximity to an actual parking lot," the study said. In one case, a parking lot has no signs at all, so unless you live in town or work downtown, you won't even know it's there, said the consultant.

Further, the signs giving directions to the various lots are pretty much useless.

"Wayfinding is a challenge for drivers on their way to downtown Andover," according to the study.

"As drivers come to downtown on Central Street, there is some signage to direct them to parking via Chestnut Street. ... However, there are no corresponding follow up signs on Chestnut to further guide drivers to parking. There are no signs at Main and Chestnut streets to alert a driver where to find public parking."

Again, unless you live or work in town, "there is spare or largely non-visible signage alerting drivers to parking regulations."

For those who work downtown, it's also guessing game, as "there is no signage to designate employee permit parking."

**What do do about it**

The question is, what should the town do about it?

Any changes await two reviews by the Parking Implementation/Governance Committee, established by selectmen earlier

this month, as well as reviews by selectmen.

The report, brought forth by the Andover Economic Development Council's Parking Subcommittee, includes a parking inventory of public and private spaces — 3,000 of them — and a field survey of all the spaces on several days at various times.

It also takes into account a parking user survey filled out by more than 500 residents, visitors and employees.

The public had a chance to weigh in on the preliminary report, released in November, and a committee charged with reviewing the plan's implementation will include neighborhood and business community representatives.

The Parking Implementation/Governance Committee will review the study this winter and is expected to bring its recommendations to Selectmen in April or May, said Town Manager Andrew Flanagan.

Once approved by Selectmen the plan will be put in place, then undergo a second review by the Governance Committee. The Committee will present the results of their review to Selectmen.

One of the proposals in the study is to create a tiered system of parking with higher priced parking closer to the center of downtown and less costly parking further out.

**Merchants need to survive**

Selectman Alex Vispoli, the selectmen's liaison to the newly created Parking Committee, said he was surprised to learn about "the



This sign is just a few rows away from another sign that reads "4-hour parking" and is near free on-street parking.

amount of spots that are available - the inventory in the radius of the study."

The 200-acre area studied consists of downtown and nearby residential areas, as well as Doherty Middle School and the Andover Town Offices. It identified 3,000 parking spaces, 1,800 of them within a five-minute walk of Main Street and Chestnut Street.

Parking is busiest at 2 p.m.

on a weekday, when 69 percent of the spaces are filled, according to the report.

Residents shopping downtown find the parking situation frustrating.

After Stacey Albuquerque parallel parked her vehicle in a two-hour parking spot on Chestnut Street, she said she does not think there is enough parking to support local businesses.

**KEY FINDINGS**

There are more than 3,000 parking spaces in the study area

- 60 percent of parking spaces in the study area are off-street
- 60 percent of off-street spaces are privately owned
- 406 off-street spaces are in paid lots, including the Park Street lots, the Main Street lot, and the library lot.
- 250 spaces around Town Hall are unregulated
- 1,800 parking spaces are within a five-minute walk of Main and Chestnut
- There are 14 different parking regulations in the study area
- Most downtown employees are not aware of the employee parking permit program
- Payment technology is mismatched
- Payment systems are outdated
- Signs exist but are inconsistent
- Most people find a place to park within a five-minute walk of their destination
- For most downtown users, location is the most important consideration
- Nearly half of surveyed residents report being unable to find parking downtown on at least one occasion

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Provide clear signs and information
- Create demand-based pricing and change time limits
- Streamline employee permit program
- Use customer-friendly parking technology
- Improve downtown environment overall for shoppers

While she found a spot one recent morning — likely because the extreme cold kept downtown visitors to a minimum — she said she often struggles to find parking downtown and on Saturday mornings it's impossible to find a spot.

"If they want our merchants to survive they need to make accessible parking," she said.

**Private vs. public parking**

A nearby local merchant, Hanna Vu, owner of Eva Nails and Spa at 28 Chestnut St., said there is a private lot out back for her patrons and those of other

businesses in the 8-unit complex to park.

But the problem is that people other than the patrons park in the dedicated private lot.

"If there was more parking on Main Street, then they wouldn't be parking here," she said.

Vispoli said the the parking study and its review is important.

"We want to make it easier to do business in the town of Andover, make it easier to shop and make it more predictable, clearer, to the customers of the businesses," Vispoli said.

**BUDGET**

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of \$73,296,591

The recommendation is also \$2,041,475 less than the budget the School Committee proposes for Fiscal 2017.

O'Donoghue said the Flanagan plan reflects change and cooperation and indicates the manager will be

scrutinizing departments and their spending.

Flanagan proposes reorganizing Elder Services, Community Services, Andover Youth Services and the Veterans Department so that they function as a single department.

The town manager's plan also required the Board of Selectmen to reverse an earlier course.

**BUDGET INCREASES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Police:** \$322,410, due to recently settled collective bargaining agreements.
- Municipal services, solid waste and recycling:** \$147,590, due to rising solid waste and recycling costs.
- Municipal services, plant and facilities:** \$48,937
- Municipal services, street lighting:** \$20,000.
- Legal:** \$50,000
- Information technology:** \$164,806
- Community development and planning:** \$26,468.

In October, the board endorsed Selectman Alex

Vispoli's proposal to not tax to the levy limit, thereby allowing the town to capture dollars either to return to the taxpayers or use for other needs.

But later selectmen voted, 4-1 — the lone objection coming from Vispoli — to allow taxing to the levy limit and the repurposing of those dollars.

O'Donoghue said the board's action provides funding to finance the new town yard without a Proposition 21/2 over-ride vote.

A warrant article to go to voters proposes the town buy land at 5 Campanell Drive and move the downtown town yard from its Lewis Street location to the new spot.

O'Donoghue said the over-ride would have been a more expensive funding

route than taxing to the levy limit.

"Had the excess levy money not been repurposed, chances it would already have been spent for operations," O'Donoghue said.

Still, Vispoli is unhappy with the new budget's projected impact to taxpayers.

"I am disappointed that the projected property tax increase is more than last year's," Vispoli said. "And far more than the 2.5 percent that I had suggested."

Flanagan states in his plan that town and school officials have vowed to work in cooperation and avoid the serious infighting seen previously at town meetings.

Flanagan's budget plan states that it is the collective goal of both town and school officials to present

a balanced and consensus budget to Town Meeting.

"As part of these discussions special attention is being paid to developing mechanisms that will provide funding to offset extraordinary expenditures associated with unanticipated fluctuations in special education costs and growth in student enrollment," the budget and financial plan states.

Details on what the town plans to do were not presented in the plan.

O'Donoghue said the current School Committee proposal is not final and remains in flux.

Meanwhile, she said Flanagan's budget, including the recommended school spending, fulfills his responsibility.

"He has to present a balanced budget and that is what he has done," she said. Flanagan's budget includes 8 percent increases in both the retirement contribution and employee health insurance expense.

The town manager recommends town departmental budgets increase by 2.98 percent or \$1,112,087.



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# FASHIONABLY THRIFTY

## Andover shop going strong after 75 years of business

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Even after 75 years, some things, like the Andover Thrift Shop, never go out of style.

Just ask 90-year-old Esther Wheatley, a longtime volunteer at the downtown business.

"People always ask me: 'What have you got on today?'" Wheatley said last week, as she stood behind the counter at the thrift store, chatting with friends. "It's Applesseed's, Talbot's, Chico's, Prada. This is a designer thrift shop and that's what we get here."

Wheatley should know. She's been volunteering at the Park Street business for 50 years. She knows the inventory well and grabs a designer bargain whenever she sees one.

"I just love it here," she said. "I buy things as the big sales are very good," she said. "And I love seeing my friends here. We socialize."

Starting this month, the shop is celebrating 75 years in business by offering 75 days of specials for its customers. The "sale-a-bration" ends in late April.

It is the least the store can do to thank its loyal following, made up of men and women from across the region and the world, for that matter.

"Our customers include bargain-seekers, professional men and women, students, teens, and those who are simply trying to stretch their budgets to the maximum," according to the shop's Web site. "Shoppers come in from all over New England together with those who visit from Canada, Europe, Latin-America and beyond. No visit to Andover is complete without a trip to the Andover Thrift Shop."

Shop manager Beth Barnard very much agrees.

"We are busy, always," she said. "I have 35 volunteers a week and they work here and shop here. Shoppers are dying to come to see what we have ... older women, teens, younger women and, occasionally a man, visit to check our items out."

The Shop is a downtown Andover business icon. The Andover Thrift Shop is currently celebrating 75 years in business and is one of Andover's oldest businesses

downtown. "Only the Andover Bookstore is older than us," Barnard said.

The Andover Thrift Shop sells high quality, gently used clothing - men's, women's and children's - accessories, household goods, jewelry, small items of furniture and general bric-a-brac, at considerably reduced prices. The Shop is a ministry of Christ Church in Andover and proceeds from sales benefit the maintenance of historical buildings at the church, located on Central Street.

Proceeds also support several shelters in the Greater Lawrence area with used clothing.

The way the shop is managed contributes to its success.

Inventory changes regularly as designer items move quickly. Items not sold after a period of time are moved downstairs to the sale racks. Donations of gently used items are made during the last two weeks of each month, except June and July. It's not a consignment shop so donations are just that - donated. Anything unsold after a month is brought by a volunteer to shelters and senior centers in Haverhill and Lawrence, and Lazarus House. Unsold children's clothing is given to Neighbors in Need in Lawrence, and household items are brought to Mission of Deeds in Reading.

Meanwhile, the shop has stayed true to its thrifty history. It opened in February 1941 in a tiny store front on Post Office Avenue. Starting with \$50 loaned by the Christ Church Vestry, a small group of church ladies got donations from parishioners and friends. The Shop outgrew that small store front after two or three years and moved across the street to the Musgrave Building.

In June 1961 the shop moved to 26 Chestnut St. Business continued to improve and in May 1964 the Shop made its final move to 10 Park St.

With money advanced by the Thrift Shop, the building was purchased by the parish in 1970 and by 1976 the mortgage was retired, according to the shop's website.

Barnard said another seven decades in town is plausible as business is so good.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo.

The Andover Thrift Shop is celebrating 75 years. The proceeds help to provide funds for the maintenance of the historic buildings of Christ Episcopal Church on Central Street in Andover.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo.

Missy Blanch fixes the clothing on a rack at The Andover Thrift Shop.



COURTESY PHOTO

This image from 1964 shows that the thrift shop hasn't changed much since it moved in to its Park Street location.



COURTESY PHOTO

Local volunteers prepare the shop space in 1964, when the Andover Thrift Shop moved in to its Park Street location.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo.

Some of the treasures you can find at The Andover Thrift Shop.

### BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

#### First Tech hosts food drive

Households on a limited budget often have to make tough choices between paying for food or other necessities such as utilities, medical care or housing. To help ease this burden, First Tech Federal Credit Union will accept nonperishable food items at its Andover branch, 3000 Minuteman Road, through Feb. 26. All donations will help support the Boston Community Food Bank.

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### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

**16 Balmoral St., Unit 221:** Brian M. Cerroni to David R. Lade, \$265,000

**200 Brookside Drive, Unit G:** Christopher J. Wadden to Lisa A. Scott, \$235,500

**450 Brookside Drive, Unit F:** Melissa Salas and Brian Salamo to Katherine A. Torrisi, \$248,500

**15 Cherrywood Circle:** Linda Love-Mesler to Michael and Sigrid Pfendler, \$665,000

**10 Colonial Drive, Unit 6A:**

Richard J. Hivon to Vernon H. Hydron and Amy Smith, \$85,000

**40 Colonial Drive, Unit 8:** Joseph S. Mullenney and Ashley Lund to Kathleen O'Keefe, \$165,000

**38 Crenshaw Lane, Unit 38:** CA INT and Yvon Cormier to 1997 RET and Elizabeth C. Daher, \$1,410,000

**5 Fairfax Drive:** Betty A. Landy to Sepideh Rahchamani and Amir H. Tabrizi, \$500,000

**4 Fraser Drive:** Jeffco Inc. to Brian and Deborah D. Gildea, \$1,088,000

**72 Gould Road:** Christopher M.

Smith to Norman and Anahid Mangouni, \$665,000

**6 Hawthorne Circle:** Saul W. and Betty A. Jaffe to Brendan T. and Shannon C. Livingston, \$518,500

**394 High Plain Road:** 394 High Plain Property to Chun F. Teng and Yung C. Yen, \$798,000

**289 Lowell St.:** Andrew J. Orsmond and Christina Curtin to Peter and Kristen M. Andrews, \$607,000

**36 Morton St.:** Joan and David J. Avery Jr. to Louisa and Derek Proctor, \$560,000

**93 Poor St.:** Patrick Burke to

Everaldo Anjo and Christana Dos Santos, \$285,000

**14 Strawberry Hill Road:** Shaw 1 FT and Meridith S. Caiati to Steve and Kelly Johnson, \$470,000

**26 Taylor Cove Drive, Unit 26:** Taylor Cove Development to Fokin Tang and Liyi Chen, \$191,000

**53 William St.:** E. Merrill Koch and Betty Y. Gee to Ruben Reyes and Emma Borrego-DiazReyes, \$900,000

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ON CAMPUS

Shea Colleen Manship was named to the president's list at James Madison University for the fall 2015 semester. Manship, a sophomore, is majoring in interdisciplinary liberal studies.

Rachael Cormier made the president's list at Coastal Carolina University for the fall 2015 semester. Cormier is a freshman.

Mackenzie Dugas earned a spot on the fall 2015 dean's list at Becker College in Worcester.

Shaun Merrill was named to the University of Hartford's fall 2015 dean's list.

Stephanie Sauvageau was named to the dean's list at Western New England University in Springfield, Mass., for the fall 2015 semester. Sauvageau is working toward a degree in health sciences.

Springfield College has named the following area students to the dean's list for academic excellence during the fall 2015 term: Bridget Thibodeau, an American studies major; Sarah Gustus, an athletic training major; Lauren Wackowski, a health science/occupational therapy major; Johanna Shaw, a psychology major; and Elise Brogan, a sports management major.

Christopher J. Mara earned a place on the fall 2015 dean's list at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston.

Jacob Heller and Dennis Levesque were named to the Fitchburg State University dean's list for the fall 2015 semester.

Shane Walsh was named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at the University of New England.

Laura Ritzer was named to

the dean's list at Assumption College in Worcester for the fall 2015 semester.

Nine local students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H.: Kaitlyn M. Beaumont, Brigid R. Donovan, Casey J. Flanigan, Madeline M. Hunt, Isabella C. Kicinski, Timothy J. Leeman, Abigail M. Smith, Amy E. Stankiewicz, and Thomas J. Suglia.

Andrea Lauren Pennock, Eamon Patrick Thomas Callahan, and Jordan Mairye Day were recognized on the dean's list at Norwich University for the fall 2015 semester.

Hasib Naveed was named to the dean's list at the University of New Haven for the fall 2015 semester. Naveed is working on a Bachelor of Science in forensic science.

Parkland College in Champaign, Ill., congratulates Siddarth Palaniappan for being named to its dean's list for academic excellence during the fall 2015 semester.

A number of local students qualified for the fall 2015 dean's list at the University of Rhode Island. Those students are: Ashley Wing-Yee Li, Carolina Zappala, Kyle Pearson, Courtney Julia Heseltine, Alexander James Gray, Benjamin Robert Brown, Cecilia Root, and Sophie Hughes.

Nicholas Appleby and Michael Davis-Ickes were placed on the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Framingham State University.

Gina Venuti was named to the Miami University dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. She is working towards a Bachelor of Science in management and leadership.

Public meeting for town's facilities study  
Input from residents requested for 10-year facilities plan

STAFF REPORT

The Town of Andover will hold a public meeting regarding future school and town facility needs on Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Cormier Youth Center, behind the Doherty Middle School, and parents, students, faculty, staff and

all Andover taxpayers are asked to join.

According to a press release, the meeting will serve as an "intensive planning session where citizens, designers and others can collaborate on a vision for development. It provides a forum for ideas and offers the unique advantage of giving immediate feedback to the designers."

With the feedback and input from the meeting, the district and town will work together to develop a 10 year facility master plan that addresses building needs. MGT, the consulting firm that is conducting the town and school-wide facilities study, will also be there to hear from the town and offer their suggestions.

IF YOU GO

Who: Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Taxpayers of the Town of Andover  
When: Wednesday, Feb. 24 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.  
Where: Cormier Youth Center, 40 Whittier Court (behind the Doherty Middle School)

Scientists for a day

Education Notebook

Gabriella Cruz



Andover School of Montessori Biogen field trip

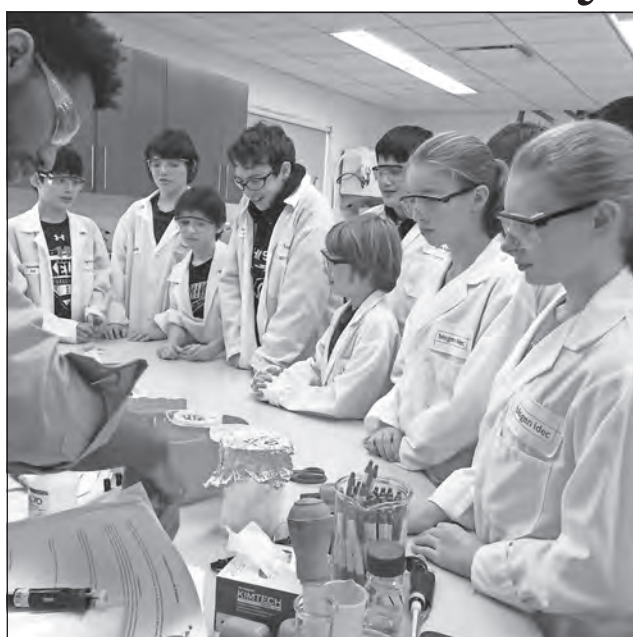
Some local students were scientists for a day, and even helped conduct research for real Biogen clients.

On Tuesday, Feb. 2, the middle school and sixth grade students from the Andover School of Montessori took a field trip to the Biogen Community Lab in Cambridge to participate in a hands-one laboratory, "Chances Are."

The students became genetic researchers for a day and helped Biogen scientists inspect the cells of prospective parents, who both have a family history of sickle cell anemia. The research done by the scientists and students helped determine each parent's chances of passing on the disease to their offspring.

By the end of the day, the students had learned how to use sophisticated lab equipment, learned directly from modern-day scientists and documented their findings.

According to faculty



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover School of Montessori students watch as a Biogen scientist demonstrates lab procedures.

members at the school, this field trip allowed them to promote STEM education and offer their students an opportunity to see what it's like to be a real-life scientist.

Musical phenoms

Andover students were recognized for their musical talents by being accepted into New England Junior District. The students from all district schools are listed below.

Orchestra

Emerald Tan, DMS, Violin I (9th chair); Gyuchan Lee, WHMS, Violin II (13th chair); Christina Li, DMS, Violin II (14th chair); Kate Mahoney, WMS, Violin II (23rd chair); David Irza, WMS, Cello (2nd chair); Victoria Chen, DMS, Flute (1st chair)\*; Alison Care, AHS, Clarinet (2nd chair); Emily Qui, DMS, Bassoon (1st chair)\*; Sam Garth, DMS, Horn (1st chair)\*; Quincy Mattor, AHS, Horn (4th chair); Ethan Cogswell, AHS, Trumpet (1st chair)\*; Oliver

Pawelek, DMS, Snare (1st chair)\*.

Band

Kate Ma, WMS, Clarinet (7th chair); Edward Lai, DMS, Trombone (6th chair); Nobu Hagiya, AHS, Snare (1st chair); Alex Zeng, AHS, Mallets (2nd chair).

Girls Chorus

Kelsey Dennehy, WMS, Soprano; Megan Gallagher, WHMS, Soprano; Sophia Yannafo, WHMS, Soprano; Margaret Gould, WMS, Alto\*; Imani Physis, WHMS, Alto; Isabel Zhou, WHMS, Alto.

Boys Chorus

Sean Balou, DMS, Alto; Declan Woodring, WMS, Alto\*; Avery Miller WMS Tenor.

Jazz Band

Jorge Allen, DMS 2nd Tenor, Sax.

\* Highest score in the district

All State Districts

Kerrigan Bigelow, Grade 9, vocal, Soprano; Abigail Daggett, Grade 10, vocal, Alto; Emily Hilman, Grade 12, strings, Violin; Charlotte Lowell, Grade 10, vocal, Alto; Edward Lu, Grade 11, vocal, Bass; Dylan Millis, Grade 12, vocal, Tenor; Shawn Moon, Grade 11, winds, Trombone; Daniel Webber, Grade 12, vocal, Bass.

TOWN NEWS

Pipeline hearing, Vispoli party, budget hearing delayed

Town Notebook

Terry Date



The town got notice last week about a public hearing in April at the high school on the controversial

Tennessee Gas natural gas pipeline project.

The state Department of Public Utilities will host the April 14 hearing at 7 p.m.

Tennessee Gas has filed a petition with the DPU asking it to grant the gas company authority to enter the land of local residents.

Twenty-three local homeowners who have refused Tennessee Gas's request to enter their property and survey it.

The geotechnical survey properties are generally located on or near a major water body, railroad crossing, or road crossing that may require the company

to use a horizontal directional drill, according to the public hearing notice.

As part of the Tennessee Gas application to build its 400-plus-mile Northeast Energy Direct Project pipeline between shale fields in Pennsylvania and New York and Massachusetts and points north, it must gain approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

FERC requires the company to survey properties along the pipe's route as part of its application.

Campaign heats up

Meanwhile, candidates for the two competitive contests Board of Selectmen and School Committee are in full swing. At least one candidate has already hosted a campaign kick-off.

Selectman Alex Vispoli kicked off his reelection campaign on Wednesday night with 80 supporters at Andolini's restaurant.

His wife, Ann, the Vispoli children, and at least



TERRY DATE/Staff photo

Alex Vispoli and his wife, Ann, at the selectman's re-election campaign kick-off party at Andolini's. Vispoli is up against incumbent Paul Salafia and School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert.

one granddaughter, were among the supporters. The candidate talked about the importance of vetting spending while maintaining a high level of services, as well as honoring the trust of those he represents.

He is running against incumbent Paul Salafia and School Committee Chairwoman Annie Gilbert, who decided to run for selectman rather than another term on the school

committee.

Budget review

Last week's Monday snowstorm delayed the town manager's budget presentation to the Board of Selectmen.

That presentation was rescheduled for Tuesday Feb. 16.

The proposed budget can be viewed on the town's website at andoverma.gov.

KEY VOTING DATES

STAFF REPORT

March means voting and below are important dates for local voters to know, courtesy of the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover.

But before the balloting starts come hear candidates in contested races explain why you should vote for them at Candidates' Night on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

The three Board of Selectmen candidates (for two open seats) and four School

Committee candidates (for two open seats) will answer questions. Email questions for the candidates to LeagueForum@lvw-andovers.org by Monday, March 14 at 6 p.m.

Eva Valentine will moderate the forum. She's a former president of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts.

The event will air live and be taped for rebroadcast and available online.

Important voting dates to remember are March 1, the Presidential Primary;

and March 22, Andover Town Election (last day to register - 3/2)

Andover will have three voting locations for every election this year:

Precincts 1 & 3: Center at Pynchard (Senior Center), 30 Whittier Court

Precincts 2, 4, 5 & 6: Wood Hill Middle School, 333 High

Plain Road  
Precincts 7, 7A, 8, 9, & 9A: Andover High School Collins Field House, 80 Shawsheen Road

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Presidential primary March 1

STAFF REPORT

The Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Precincts 1, and 3 will vote at the Center at Pynchard (Senior Center) on Whittier Court. Precincts 2, 4, 5 and 6 will vote at the Wood Hill Middle School. Precincts 7 (including sub-precinct 7A), 8 and 9 (including sub-precinct 9A) will vote at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road.

Shuttle bus service will be available between the Center at Pynchard, Andover High School and the Wood Hill Middle School from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m.

The last day and hour to apply for an absentee ballot is noon on Monday, Feb. 29. Absentee ballots are now available at the Town Clerk's Office.

Voters will be casting their votes for Presidential

preference, State Committee Man, State Committee Woman and Town Committee for each of Massachusetts four political parties: Democratic, Republican, Green-Rainbow and United Independent.

Voters registered in one of these four political parties may only take a ballot for their party. Unenrolled voters, often called Independents, may choose a ballot for any one of the four political parties. New for this election voters enrolled in a political designation other than Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow or United Independent, will also be able to choose a ballot for any one of the four political parties.

Voters can check their party registration, precinct and polling place on the Secretary of State's web site at [www.sec.state.ma.us](http://www.sec.state.ma.us) or by calling the Town Clerk's Office at (978) 623-8255.

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# Opinion

## Time for leadership on Ballardvale station

Kudos to former Town Manager Richard Bowen for his tenacity.

He has once again put forward a warrant article for Town Meeting to decide whether to fund improvements at the old Ballardvale fire station. (See page 1 story.)

It's a little like deja vu all over again, as this is at least the third time Bowen has put forth some kind of plan to save the old station. But Bowen hopes this time voters will not only endorse his plan, but the town will back it up with action.

He has reason to be frustrated by the status quo.

At the 2014 Town Meeting, voters approved a plan put forth by Bowen to pay \$200,000 to draw up plans, specifications, drawings and bid documents for a 2,500-square-foot addition to increase space for a standard fire engine and ambulance and to renovate the station's living and administrative quarters.

The warrant article went on to say that funding for the addition and renovation would be postponed to a subsequent Town Meeting, but that "it is anticipated" renovation would come to about \$2 million versus \$6 million for replacement of the entire building.

In March 2015, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski issued the bad news to Bowen and other Ballardvale neighbors: The true cost of the plans came to about \$700,000, meaning the true cost of the addition would be about \$7 million.

The Board of Selectmen tabled the initiative, not sure what to do or where to go next. Stapczynski, who had just announced his retirement, didn't exactly push for a resolution.

So it just sat there. Town Meeting had approved \$200,000 but nobody was using it. The station continues to fall into disrepair, although a new ceiling was to be installed last year following Town Meeting approval for that work. Those who favor renovation as well as those who are against it (Fire Chief Michael Mansfield) agree on one thing: Something needs to be done.

This time, Bowen has put forth a warrant article that seeks \$3 million for construction of a 2,500-square-foot addition. It's unclear where he's getting his numbers, since Stapczynski's figures showed that the true cost would be about \$7 million.

Whether it's \$3 million or \$7 million, Bowen's proposal simply does not make sense. The consultant who looked at the property after the 2014 Town Meeting vote recommended the building be demolished. It's old and in need of a lot of maintenance. The structure of the building itself, according to engineers, would not hold the weight of an addition. It seems fruitless to keep going down this path. Some leadership is needed here. Stapczynski's style of leadership seemed to be delay and appease - at least on this issue.

We hope that new Town Manager Andrew Flanagan doesn't have the same approach. He needs to take the bull by the horns, tell Bowen that his plans are untenable, and come up with a valid alternative location for a new station. The current location is awkwardly placed on the lot, something a redesign would presumably take care of. But the lot is also not big enough to fit a modern, fully equipped fire station.

The chief and a building committee had proposed putting a station near the South Elementary School, on land owned by the town, which would have made it cheaper. But neighbors there opposed the plan, pushing instead for the Ballardvale rebuild option.

But enough is enough. At some point soon, the town needs to make a decision and get out of that old building and move into a new one. All this talk about renovating the old station is just that: talk.

If the town is successful at moving the Town Yard out to Campanelli Drive, it might be time for the town to look at a similar option. Maybe Flanagan could work with a company like Pfizer, which is pushing for a tax break for its \$200 million expansion project on Burt Road. Could that company perhaps make a "donation" of land - or the cash equivalent - for a new station as part of a larger package of tax breaks? It's time to get creative and to stop listening to the same old broken record going around and around about the old Ballardvale fire station.

## WEB QUESTION

### This week's question:

Donald Trump finished the New Hampshire Primary with more than double the votes of second-place finisher John Kasich, and Bernie Sanders beat opponent Hillary Clinton with similar statistics. As the Massachusetts Primary approaches, do you think the state will vote comparably to New Hampshire?

Yes. The New Hampshire Primary is a trusted predictor of each party's nominations and usually offers an accurate idea of how the rest of the country will vote.

No. Massachusetts is very different from New Hampshire when it comes to politics and people here want different things from a president than voters in New Hampshire.

I'm not sure. So many of the candidates have been predicted as the favorite at one time or another, so there's no way to know how an entire state will vote solely based off of one state's primary polls.

It doesn't matter. The only votes that mean anything are the ones cast in November for president. Until then, I don't rely on predictions or poll results to forecast a winner.

### Last week's question:

Many will celebrate Valentine's Day, while others will treat the romantic holiday like any other day. Will you be keeping with the Valentine's Day tradition? 75 percent, or 3 votes

Yes. Just like everyone else, I love my significant other every day of the year, but Valentine's Day is an opportunity to set aside time for one another to make the other feel special. 0 votes

No. It's just another "Hallmark holiday" created to make money, and I don't feed into the commercial marketing strategy. 0 votes

Yes. I'll be getting together with all of my single friends to celebrate the single life. There should be a day to celebrate how much you love yourself anyway! 0 votes

No. I choose to make random days special for my significant other. Valentine's Day comes with too many expectations and surprising someone when they don't expect it means much more. 25 percent, or 1 vote

## Carmel Woods - Conservation and Controversy



### Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

Andover Historical Society

Driving down High Street and looking east up a slope on the way to Route 133 one can spot a forested ridge known as Carmel Woods. The pine trees, wildflowers and birds that distinguish this now peaceful site belie the controversy that marks its varied history.

Local legend tells the story of Nancy, the last Native American to live in Andover and the wife of Salem Poor (freed slave and the hero of the Battle of Bunker Hill). Nancy supposedly had a wigwam on Carmel Hill - then called the Town Forest - though other accounts have her living on Pine Island along the Merrimack River.

More recent history saw Carmel Woods being proposed as the site for the Town Cemetery. In April 1869, Town Meeting considered whether "the Town will sell a piece of meadowland connected with the Town Farm." By July, however, the Cemetery Committee had abandoned that site due to "the magnitude of the work to be done and the unpropitious nature of the soil for burial purposes."

By 1896 William Goldsmith and other AVIS members had cleared paths and "beautified" the area, getting the attention of the newly-formed Park Commission. In short order, the Commission members had "pounded state nails into the trees they wished to prohibit from cutting, planted trees and built benches." In addition, a carriage road was built that now serves as the principal trail. Carmel Woods Park officially opened in 1897.



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Site of 1922 Town Infirmery and Fanning Rest Home on Carmel Road.

In 1898 the Town Warrant requested \$1,000 to purchase a temporary entrance to Carmel Woods from High Street and a new entrance from Walnut Avenue. This latter entrance was accepted as Carmel Road by the Town in 1901 with an additional appropriation of \$500 for future maintenance.

In 1904, the land was valued at \$3,600. According to the Town Report for that year, the Town felt Carmel Woods "meant much for the future beauty of our Town."

Vandalism of the area had unfortunately become a problem by 1908, prompting officials to conclude, "unless it is patrolled it is of little use." Controversy also arose over whether or not to allow the poor to gather wood from the forest, a practice begun when the hill had been the woodland for the Town's Alms House on Argyle Street.

In 1910 a seven-ton

boulder was found in the woods and carted down Main Street to a Rabbit Pond site on the Phillips Academy campus. The boulder, now commonly called "Missionary Rock," was used as the base for a plaque that honors the Theological Seminary's early missionaries.

Following the purchase of the Town's Alms House by William Wood, in 1922, a new Town Infirmery (later to become the Fanning Rest Home) was built near the Carmel Woods entrance. Earlier discussions on wood gathering seem to have reached a compromise in 1933 with several controlled harvests of hardwood and firewood being conducted. Hemlocks were planted by Depression Era work parties in place of the timber removed.

Carmel Woods, in 1967, was considered for the site of a new school, but that idea was dropped due to

the area's steep slope.

Then in 1969, 20 acres of Carmel Woods was deeded over to the "care and custody" of the Town's Conservation Commission. Before the woods could find peace, however, it had to go through the 1971 proposal of the Housing Authority to use the site for elderly housing. Fortunately, the daunting process to remove any property from conservation use made that idea unrealistic, and Carmel Woods was safe at last.

Today, Conservation Commission volunteer Ed Anson is Overseer for the property. Hiking the woods "several times a week" Ed is the eyes and years for Carmel Woods. In spite of an attempt by unknown individuals to turn one section into a BMX bike course - dismantled by the Town after its discovery - the woods has finally found the serenity it well deserves.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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hard questions, and take the time and effort to make decisions based on data, not anecdotal evidence. Shannon knows how to get the job done, to be fiscally responsible and to allocate funding where it will make the most positive impact for Andover.

I urge you to support Shannon Scully for School Committee. Shannon is the new voice that we need on the School Committee. For more information and volunteer opportunities, go to <http://scullyforandover.org/>.

As was recently noted in the Townsman, "Local elections matter." Please vote on March 22, 2016.

**Laura Gregory**  
Andover

### Pokress will bring 'fiscally sane' solutions to School Committee

**Editor, Townsman:**

Bob Pokress epitomizes a passionate leader who can come to the table with both vision and courage. Electing Bob to the position on the School Committee will bring an individual who is not afraid to ask "the hard questions" on how to make Andover the epicenter of educational excellence. As a familiar figure at Town Meeting, Selection meetings and School Committee meetings, Bob has demonstrated his eloquence in clearly stating the issues while posturing fiscally sane solutions. Bob believes in Andover and

the spirit of its citizens to provide and improve upon our legacy of educational excellence.

The town can count on Bob to bring workable and affordable solutions to the issues facing our educational community. An example of this is a recently drafted Citizen's Petition that will appear in this year's warrant. It is intended to put in place a town by-law requiring the School Committee and the Selectmen to submit all multi-year contracts for detailed scrutiny by the Finance Committee while in the process of negotiations so as to provide a more objective analysis of both the near- and long-term financial and tax implications. Transparency to residents is the ultimate goal.

It's time to bring some "fresh blood" and enlightened thinking to make its presence felt in Andover's School Committee. Bob Pokress has the ability, leadership qualities and "fire in the belly" to do what is long overdue and give Andover what it deserves in terms of objective representation.

**KRYSTAL SOLIMINE**  
Andover

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# TownsBeat

## CELEBRATING CHINESE CULTURE

By RAY CARBONE  
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Andover organizers happy with initial event's success

The first Andover Chinese Cultural Festival at the Memorial Hall Library Saturday was a smashing success, filling the third floor meeting room with both children and adults who participated in and watched the rich, colorful event.

Mei Zhou, one of the event's organizers, said the celebration of Chinese New Year, sponsored by Chinese American Association of the Andovers, was "absolutely" everything she hoped it would be. "It was unbelievable," she said, as the crowd slowly emptied out. "It was more than I expected."

Mei Zhou and other organizers said they want to recreate the celebration next year in a larger venue so more people could enjoy it.

"It was a wonderful event that demonstrated the cohesion and depth of the Chinese community," agreed Sheldon Berman, the superintendent of Andover schools.

The Chinese "Year of the Monkey" actually started on Feb. 8, but the combination of traditional dance, children's crafts, music, a martial arts demonstration, an art exhibition and skits captured the astrological predication that 2016 will be one that is "ambitious and adventurous."

About 100 people filled the traditional New England-style meeting room. There was some cultural juxtaposition as the dark wooden walls, American primitive paintings and drawings of Civil War-era



Members of the Mom dance group at Andover Chinese School perform during the Chinese New Year celebration at Memorial Hall Library in Andover Feb. 13.

Photos by Reba Saldanha

figures coexisted with the bright colorful ladies' qupao (dresses), tai chi-style men's jackets and bright red holiday wall decorations, but the audience was comfortable and enthusiastic throughout.

Before activities in the front of the room began, people spent time admiring the locally produced art, including a box of 50-plus tiny dolls — one for each ethnic group identified in

China — as well as traditional handfans, "board" games (played on soft cloth), calligraphy tool kits and an abacus.

As things began to get underway, Berman thanked the group for inviting him, noting the strong cultural emphasis among Chinese Americans on both family and education.

One of the first performances was by the Andover Chinese Chorus. The group

of men and woman sang bountifully, including an acapella rendition of "The Half Moon is Climbing Up."

Young girls from the local Bright Pearl Dance Arts Academy did an elegant dance routine with scarves entitled "Canal Towns."

Two students from the Andover Chinese School performed a couple of short comedy sketches — "Antonynms" and "The Three-Word Chant" — that drew

some hearty laughs.

Then a "barbershop quartet" from the choral group returned to sing "Sail Away," which produced a hearty round of applause.

While the traditional arts were presented, it was interesting to see the connection between the past and the present. Parents and grandparents stretched with their iPhone to photograph the young performers while bored teenagers

used their phones to check out the latest fashions.

Young children from the Step by Step Chinese Learning Center, which is based in Andover, did three short speaking pieces — "The Book of Family Names," "Meng Bao's New Year" and "Mulan" — that the audience of parents and grandparents thoroughly enjoyed.

Then Hongwie Gao, a local musician, provided a special treat with an unplanned performance on his erhu, a traditional two-stringed instrument. As he pulled his bow quickly back and forth, the haunting sound filled the room with an easing grace.

The Mom's Group of the Andover Chinese School did a stylish dance entitled "Lift Your Veil." They used many traditional moves but were accompanied by a modern-sounding music track that featured both a prominent beat and a traditional-style melody.

Caixia Guo ended the formal program with a martial arts display using a sword, one of the five traditional Chinese weapons.

At the conclusion, the Andover Chinese Chorus gathered all the performers in the front again had them sing a song together.

Libo Wang, the mother of two children who were part of the program, said the song lyrics could be roughly translated to mean, "Now I'm at my (childhood) home."

"It's was not a traditional song but it is a happy song," she said. "We wanted to end with a happy song."



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Chinese members of the Step By Step Chinese Learning Center (from left) Yiwei Wang, Caroline Shen and Kyle Chen perform a poem from the movie "Mulan" during the New Year celebration.

Angela Shi with daughter Doris Shao, 4, and Allison, 10 and Alex 7, Wang make crafts during the celebration.

Daniel Dai of Andover with children Brian, 7, and Caitlyn, 2, watch performances.

Kevin Huang, 6, and parents Yufend and Cuiyang of Andover play a game of riddles during the Chinese New Year celebration.

Maggie Shu, 7, of Andover, practices her chop sticks skills.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sheldon Berman joins performers and organizers of the Chinese New Year celebration at Memorial Hall Library.

# Dine out on us: Andover Townsman's Vacation Eats serves up deals for school break week

STAFF REPORT

February school vacation week has reached full tilt in greater Andover, and The Andover Townsman has teamed with a dozen area restaurants to sweeten the enjoyment of winter break.

The Andover Townsman's new "2016 Vacation Eats" promotion is offering families who are staying local a chance to enjoy a great meal out together or with friends at a discount — while also supporting local restaurants.

The promotion kicked off Monday and continues through Sunday, Feb. 21.

Inside this week's Andover Townsman, readers will find a full

page of coupons worth \$10 off \$40 dining tabs, excluding alcohol, to 12 participating restaurants. Just clip out the coupons, head to one of the restaurants and save \$10 off your bill — it's as simple as that.

"Since on school vacation week, many families take the opportunity to go out to eat, we decided to create a way to make it a little more affordable and to drive some customers to restaurants who wanted to participate in the program," said Mark Zappala, vice president of advertising for The Andover Townsman's parent company, Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc.

"The Vacation Eats program runs Feb. 21, so families can go to several different restaurants throughout

that time, or go to their favorite restaurant several times," Zappala added.

The participating restaurants are:

- Andolini's — Andover
  - Palmers — Andover
  - Salvatore's — Andover and Lawrence
  - Eggie's — Atkinson
  - Lobster Tail — North Andover
  - Mi Mexico Lindo — Methuen
  - Plaza Azteca — Methuen
  - Prelude — Methuen
  - Shadi's — North Andover
  - The Irish Cottage — Methuen
  - The Sweetheart Inn — Methuen
  - Tomo Steakhouse — Salem, N.H.
- "Families can eat out every night this week or just one night if they

choose, but each time they can be sure to cut \$10 off their bill," North of Boston Marketing Manager Laura Perreault said.

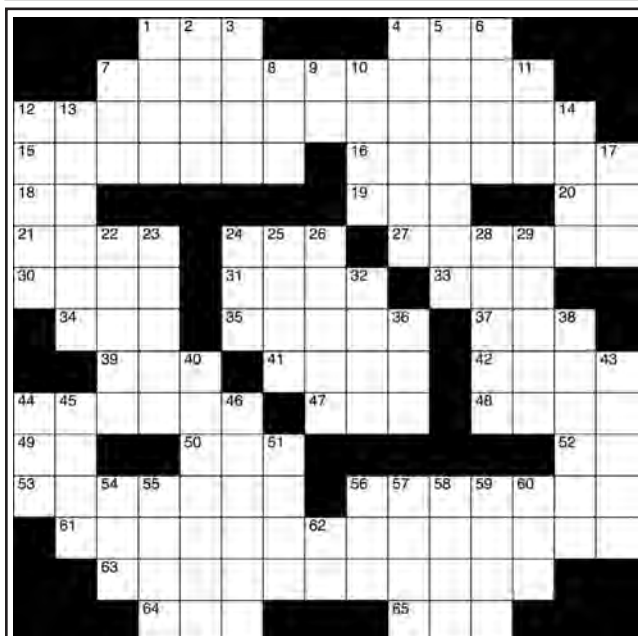
In addition to the school vacation week discounts on dining, families can also enter raffles for a chance to win \$25 gift cards to each of the participating restaurants. The gift cards can be used on future visits to the restaurants.



Go to [andover-townsman.com/vacationeats](http://andover-townsman.com/vacationeats) to enter the raffle online. The raffle winners will be announced March 17.



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## All Those Years Ago

By SUSAN MCKELLOGIT

### 100 Years Ago February 18, 1916

The 1915 Special Committee report recommended that "the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of building and equipping a new high school building to be located in front of the present Pynchard School building; and to make any changes deemed necessary to preserve and use the present Pynchard School building and to make necessary changes in the Central Heating Plant and its connections.

The teachers of the John Dove, Stowe, and Indian Ridge schools were pleasantly entertained last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Leitch on Main Street, by Miss Chase and Miss Irving. Progressive whist was enjoyed the prize being won by Miss Simpson, after which refreshments were served.

Another special warrant article was to see if the Town will vote to extend the water system on Bellevue Road from the Osgood Schoolhouse to the Boston & Maine tracks, a distance of about 2,800 feet on petition of Fred Harrington and others.

### 75 Years Ago Feb. 20, 1941

The League of Women Voters Town Affairs Department will conduct a "sightseeing tour" of Andover by co-chairmen Mrs. George G. Brown and Mrs. William Fleming on March 7, the Friday preceding Town Meeting. Points of controversial interest to newer residents of Andover will be visited such as the proposed new site for a public dump, the proposed Jewish cemetery, various recreational areas of the town and several other objectives.

Tomorrow night's the night for all of you who have not yet seen the Pynchard All-Girl Band perform to witness the marvelous work they have done under the supervision of Miss Miriam Sweeney. Where? At the Policeman's Ball, of course. Entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock sharp, the band opening the hour of entertainment, followed by Uncle Bob and His Gang. Dancing until one o'clock in the Memorial Auditorium gymnasium will be enjoyed to the music of Al St. Claire's orchestra.

William E. Shurtcliffe of River Street is in the Lawrence General Hospital where he is recovering from two broken legs as the result of an accident at the Tyer Rubber Company.

### 50 Years Ago February 17, 1966

Officials of Danton Realty Trust will appear at a Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on March 3 to request a variance that would permit addition of a fourth floor to the Standard International Building, now under construction at Elm Square.

Proponents of a garden apartment development for West Andover face tough sledding at Town Meeting if the strength of opposition voiced at a Monday night hearing can be taken as a measure of total voter reaction. Few residents appeared, however, to protest a zoning change to permit construction of a shopping center on the Andover - Tewksbury line or Planning articles for expansion of the central business district.

"So we come to the plague of Andover and that is the traffic snarls here and there. We need parking for sure and there is one spot, that would provide parking for many cars and at the same time amend a very mad mess of traffic at the corner of High & Elm streets, my recommendation would be to remove that bit of police masonry and to resurface that bit of grass between Main and High streets."

### 25 Years Ago February 21, 1991

President George Bush Sr. told 6,000 Raytheon Co. employees at the Lowell Street manufacturing plant Friday that he was "honored to come to the home of the men and women who built the Scud-busters. "Listen, I came up here to thank you guys," the president told the group in response to a long applause after being introduced. The president and Barbara Bush visited Raytheon for about two hours en route to their home in Kennebunkport for the weekend.

Gov. Weld's agenda is to save money and reduce government and not to create a tax package as Michael Dukakis was so intent on doing. But right now he is "fumbling" through a lot of proposals and accomplishing little, according to Buzz Stapeczynski. While the governor is trying to be entrepreneurial, his ideas keep running into prohibitive state regulations, regulations Mr. Stapeczynski blames on Inspector General Joseph Barresi.

If voters don't override Proposition 2½ at the April 1 Town Meeting, the schools will lose \$2.5 million. That translates to two English teachers, two physical education positions and a counselor at Andover High School.

## ANDOVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY THURSDAY, FEB. 18

**MOVIE SCREENING, 10:30 a.m.,** Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover. "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison, will be shown; [www.faiht-andover.org](http://www.faiht-andover.org), 978-475-4059.

**"CINDERELLA (or The Tale of Griselda and Prunella's Sister's Silly Shoes)," 10 a.m.,** Meeting Hall, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St. Presented by The Fairy Tale Players; tickets are \$5 each (free for infants) and

can be purchased at the door; this program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency; email [info@fairytaleplayers.org](mailto:info@fairytaleplayers.org), [www.fairytaleplayers.org](http://www.fairytaleplayers.org).

### FRIDAY, FEB. 19

**DINNER AND TWO MOVIES,** Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover. "Inside Out" and "Now, Voyager" will be shown at 6:45 p.m.; the chili potluck dinner will begin at 6 p.m.; reservations are requested; [www.faiht-andover.org](http://www.faiht-andover.org), 978-475-4059.

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**FREE CONCERT, 7:30 p.m.,** Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Presented by the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy; the Amadeus Chamber Orchestra will perform Meditation from "Serenade for Strings" by Jack Jarrett and the third movement of Felix Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No. 12 in G minor; Janice Cheon, violin, will perform the third movement of Tchaikowsky's Violin Concerto in D Major, Op. 35 with the Academy Chamber Orchestra; the

Academy Chamber Orchestra will perform Janáček's Suite for Strings and Boecherini's Sinfonia No. 6, and The Gypsy Baron Overture by Johann Strauss Jr. and the first movement of Dvořák's Symphony No. 8 in G Major, Op. 88; the venue is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, email [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

### SUNDAY, FEB. 21

**CHORAL CONCERT, 3:30 p.m.,** Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. The Phillips Academy Choruses will present Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem," accompanied by Academy Instrumentalists, and the Fidelio Society will perform works by Komitas, Brahms, Guastavino, Gershwin, and Lennon/McCartney; free admission; the venue is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, email [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

### THROUGH APRIL 5

**VIDEO ART EXHIBIT,** Phillips Academy's Gelb Gallery, George Washington Hall, 7 Chapel Ave., Andover. The video and sound installation titled, "Radical Home," features the work of Baltimore-based video artist and visiting scholar, Dominique Zeltzman; an artist talk and Q&A with Zeltzman will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; all are welcome; the gallery is open during school business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; [www.andover.edu](http://www.andover.edu).

### SUNDAY, FEB. 28

**LOWELL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA FAMILY CONCERT, 2 p.m.,** St. Louis School, Chapel Hall, 77 Boisvert St., Lowell. "Jubilation" is a one-hour concert geared towards introducing children of all ages to classical music. Children are encouraged to attend a pre-concert "Meet the Instruments" session 20 minutes before the beginning of the concert. Ample parking in the Boisvert Street lot (between the school and chapel). The venue is handicap accessible. Refreshments at intermission; [www.lowellphilharmonic.org](http://www.lowellphilharmonic.org).

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# Townspeople

## Valentine's Day dance

### Traditional mother-son dance held at Old Town Hall

Dozens of boys ages 4 through 10 took the dance floor with their mothers during the annual Valentine's Day Mother-Son dance at Old Town Hall on Main Street.

The event, held last Friday night in the Doherty Auditorium on the second floor, included dancing to a DJ, a limbo-line with prizes for the winners, lots of Valentine's Day treats and an infinite number of memories.

This year, the dance was not just for moms and their sons - any adult figure in the child's life was welcome to attend.

The event had originally been scheduled for Friday, Feb. 8 but was postponed due to a snowstorm.



Jennifer O'Donohue of Andover poses with sons John, 4 on left, and Patrick, 6, at the Mother/Son Valentine's Dance at Andover's Old Town Hall February 12, 2016



Fabiana Tzizik and son Joseph, 5, of Andover, dance during the Mother/Son Valentine's Dance.



Dalton Murphy, 7, left, plays a round of Freeze Dance with James, 6, center, and David Dunham, 8, all of Andover. It was one of many games and activities, aside traditional dancing, at the annual Mother/Son Valentine's Day Dance last Friday night.



Julie Tremblay and son Luke, 7, of Andover, stopped dancing for a moment to pose for a picture.



Lenore Price and son Owen, 6, of Andover take a spin around the dance floor.



Jamie MacKenzie of Andover and son Noah, 6, take a selfie during Friday night's festivities.



Nicholas Karras, 5, of North Andover, at left, joins Henry Chiesa, 7, center, and Blaise Sacchetti, 7, both of Andover, digging into treats at the dance.

# Girls hoops team donates \$1,500 to teen center

The Andover Girls Travel Hoop program's recent "Ten for Ten" fundraiser was so successful that the new Cormier Youth Center is getting a piece of the profit pie.

Coach Keith Ferdinando explained that players in the program solicited donations from sponsors. For every dollar donated, the team member got to shoot the basketball in the net. Each successful shot

earned a dollar. When the new team uniforms and other program expenses were paid for, there was \$1,500 remaining. The girls agreed to contribute the money to the new Cormier Youth Center. The top shooters and fundraisers gave the money to Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey last Friday.

"The team wanted to do something for the



The players from the 5th, 6th, and 8th grade Andover Girls Travel Hoop team include, left to right, Olivia Dionesso, Nyre Kourkounian, Abby Buckley, Isabelle Ferdinando, KK Buckley, Marissa Kobelski, Jackie Pepper, Annie Sareo and Brook Hardock along with Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey and AYS staff members (back row).

# BoomerVenture is gearing up for spring

BoomerVenture has a variety of programs designed to meet the needs of the broadest possible range of Andover's 50-plus residents. Here are some of the offerings in store for the campus at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover:

### Exercise and Wellness

**Energize with Exercise:** Mondays, Feb. 22 through May 12, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Take part in a rousing aerobics and weight training workout with instructor, Denise Boucher; \$60.50.

**Zumba Toning:** Thursdays, Feb. 25 through May 12, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Combine weight training and cardio-fitness while dancing; Nancy Ryan is the instructor; \$66.

**Serenity Yoga:** Thursdays, Feb. 25 through May 12, 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Practice flowing postures with 15 minutes of meditation; Sheila Wescott is the instructor; \$72.

**Belly Dancing:** Thursdays, Feb. 25 through May 12, 6 to 7 p.m. Learn basic moves from fast and fiery to slow and smooth; improve flexibility and increase self-confidence while working all muscles; dance off calories; suitable for women of all body types and fitness levels; \$72.

**In-town dwellings for seniors: New Possibilities:** Thursday, March 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join an informational session that will explore downsized ownership options for those 50 and up. This could become a reality if the new proposed bylaw is voted in at May's Town Meeting.

**Rightsizing:** Thursday,

March 17, 6:30 p.m. Learn practical steps to begin the shedding of possessions. Discover the peace and inner richness of creating space in one's home; \$5 donation.

**Tapping into the Tiny House Movement:** Thursday, March 31, 6 p.m. Addison Gallery will host a panel to discuss the designing and building of rentable and highly innovative tiny houses. Meet in the Addison Learning Center. Registration is not necessary; free.

**Everyday Mindfulness with Chip Carter:** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Connect mindfulness with one's "everyday life" in a very real and practical way; \$5.

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**Films Screening Room:** Award-winning, independent films are shown every Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m.

All events are held at The Center at Punchard and are open to the community. Space is limited and registration is required.

The Center is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 978-623-8321 for information or visit [www.andoverseniorcenter.org](http://www.andoverseniorcenter.org) for complete listings. Registration can now be completed online as well.

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# Learn to belly dance at Punchard

It's just plain fun for local seniors and a great way to make new friends while getting out of the house - and may even allow participants to shed a few calories.

The belly-dancing classes at Andover's Center at Punchard are gaining in popularity as seniors - mostly women - are eager to learn about the Middle Eastern dance. Originally, the definition of belly-dancing was that it was a solo, improvised dance involving torso articulation.

Now, it takes many different forms depending on the country and region, both in costume and dance style. New styles have evolved in the West as its popularity has spread globally.

"I'm a non-dancer who was recovering from shoulder surgery," said Andover resident Leigh Deacon. "The belly-dancing class was a great way to get out into the community (as I work from home for a California-based company) and meet some new friends. We have a heck of a lot of fun learning something completely different, and getting in some exercise in a



From left, Leigh Deacon and Rosemarie Buxton at a belly dancing class at the Center at Punchard.

unique way. Belly dance is great for all shapes, sizes, and ability levels, because

empowering."

Karen Payne-Taylor, Program Coordinator for the Center at Punchard, said it's unusual in a good way.

"All the women who are participating are local residents, most of whom have never tried belly dancing," she said. "One participant asked me, 'where else could a woman over 60 go and feel this good about something this fun and sensual?'"

The teacher is Maggie Class, who gave her husband a birthday gift of a belly-dancer performing for him more than 10 years ago.

When she saw how much fun it was and how much her husband enjoyed the unique gift, she decided to learn. Now, she has performed all over New England and has many private clients.

The next session for belly dancing lessons is:

**Thursdays, Feb. 25 to May 12** at 6 p.m. The cost is \$72.

Participants learn basic moves from fast and fiery to slow and smooth. Flexibility and self-confidence increase as as you work all muscles, dance off calories and have fun.

it's so interpretive. I recommend it for anyone looking for something new and

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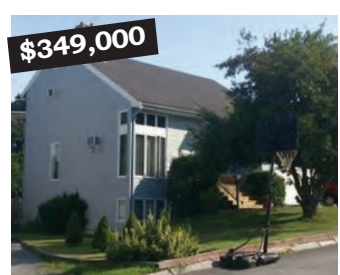
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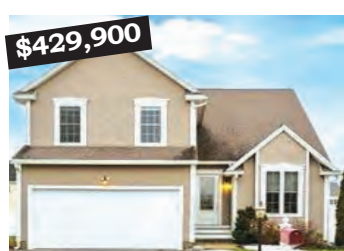
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# Sports

## Warriors notch big win over rival Central Catholic

BY DAVE WILLIS  
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LAWRENCE — As the final moment ticked off the clock, Zach Laramie was relying on instincts.

Slide to his right for a spectacular pad save with 34 seconds left in the game.

Aggressively move up in the crease for a glove save with 24 seconds left.

Settle in and calmly cradle a slap shot from the point with his body with just 0:19 left. Then, as the horn sounded, Laramie found himself flat on his back as the Andover High hockey team mobbed him.

“It was like a massive weight was lifted off of my shoulders,” said the junior goalie. “Just awesome. We felt prepared, we were ready and we believed and got this huge victory.”

Matt Belluche’s blast from just inside the blue line found the back of the net to give Andover the lead with 11:15 to go in regulation, and Laramie was simply dominant making that stand up as the Golden Warriors upset archrival Central Catholic 1-0 on Saturday night.

Roughly 1,000 fans jammed into the Valley Forum despite negative-2 degree temperatures outside.

“It’s unbelievable,” said Belluche. “What an effort by this team. I’m speechless. It is just such an incredible feeling that I will never forget.”

The win marked the first for the Golden Warriors over Central since 2013, a 3-0 stunner.

“It means so much,” said senior Nate Abbott. “We haven’t beaten them in so long. The atmosphere was unbelievable. Since Day 1 of this season we had this



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

ABOVE LEFT: Andover's Brendan Croston moves the puck in hockey action. Andover defeated Central Catholic 1-0. ABOVE RIGHT: Andover's captain, Steven Schuhwerk battles for the puck with Central's Robert Ferreira in hockey action



In spite of being tripped by Central's Landon Krekorian, left who was called on a penalty, Andover's Michael Reilly makes an attempt to score on Central's goalie, Matthew Pasquale in hockey action. Andover defeated Central Catholic 1-0.

Central game circled on our calendars, and to do it is just

improve to 10-5-2, and can play for the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title on Feb. 22 when they host Acton-Boxboro.

The Raiders fall to 13-6-1 and suffer a major hit to their Super 8 prospects.

“We are thrilled,” said Andover coach Chris Kuchar. “This was a terrific effort. We have played some very good teams, but we are a very good team, too, and it’s a thrill to beat our rival.”

For the better part of two periods the rivalry battle was a goaltender duel between Laramie (24 saves) and Central freshman Matt Pasquale (38 saves).

Laramie delivered huge saves like his blocker stop from point blank or when he dove to his left to cover up a

loose puck.

Pasquale was there to match him, making saves like his huge glove save on a 2-on-one breakaway.

“Matt and I train together and he is a terrific goalie,” said Laramie. “He made some huge saves. But I had no idea we were going to be in that kind of battle.”

Andover, however, found a way to slip the winner in.

At 3:45 of the third, Belluche took a pass from Steven Schuhwerk and fired a slap shot into traffic. It bounced around and ended up in the net.

“The guys were screening the goalie,” said Belluche. “I just threw it on net. I didn’t know if I scored or someone else, but it was a goal and that’s what counts.”

From there, Laramie continued to dominate, shutting down the Raiders, who are without sophomore sensation Jake Wise (Junior Olympics), until the final buzzer.

And he was treated to a dog pile in front of the net.

“Laramie played one of the best games I have ever seen,” said Belluche. “He kept us in this game, especially at the end. He really saved us. And once we saw the puck on (Michael) Reilly’s stick and he cleared it, it was the best feeling of my life.”

### Andover 1, Central Catholic 0

Central Catholic (13-6-1): 0 0 0 — 0  
Andover (10-5-2): 0 0 1 — 1  
Goals: A — Matt Belluche  
Assists: A — Steven Schuhwerk  
Saves: A — Zach Laramie 24; CC — Matt Pasquale 38

## Tisbert siblings both multi-sport legends

BY DAVE NICHOLS  
Special to the Andover Townsman

NOTE: The Andover-Punchard Hall of Fame has selected its first class since 2006. Leading up to the April 8 induction, each week the Andover Townsman will take a look at the legends that are being added to the legendary class.

Tickets to the event are \$55 and now available by contacting the athletic office at 978-623-8670.

### LISA TISBERT RODGER Soccer/Basketball/Softball



**Class of 2001**  
Lisa Tisbert was a soccer and basketball star and some would say the best fielder in Andover High softball history.

In soccer Lisa was a three-year varsity starter and two-time Merrimack Valley All-Conference selection. As a senior she scored 21 goals. She was the Andover High MVP and received the Andover Senior Coaches Award. She was also named a Boston Globe All-Scholastic.

In basketball, Lisa was a three-year starter and two-time MVC All-Conference on the Andover girls basketball team that went to the state finals and uplifted the level of expectations for an entire future generation of Andover girls.

In softball Lisa was a four-year starter at Andover High. She batted .375 as a freshman then was a three-time MVC All-Conference pick. A member of the Bay State Games gold medal team, she hit .660 in the tournament. As a senior she was selected as the MVC Division 2 softball Player of the Year. Here father Steve is the current Andover softball head coach.

In 2001 Lisa was selected as the Eagle-Tribune and



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Brian Tisbert was called “the best all-around football player he ever coached” by legendary Andover coach Dick Collins. Tisbert will be inducted into the Andover-Punchard Hall of Fame alongside his sister Lisa.

### ANDOVER-PUNCHARD



### ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

excellence in athletics. The Eagle-Tribune also gave her the Harold P. “Max” Bishop Award as the top three-sport athlete in the area.

Upon graduation, Lisa earned a scholarship to Bentley University for soccer. She became Bentley’s all-time leader in overall points and goals, and tied for the most career assists. She was named to the NEWISA All-New England Team.

At Bentley she also went from walk-on in softball to a four-year starter at

shortstop. She led the team in batting average, slugging, hits, and total bases. In 2004-05 she received Bentley’s Outstanding Female Athlete Award.

### BRIAN TISBERT

Baseball/Football  
Class of 1997

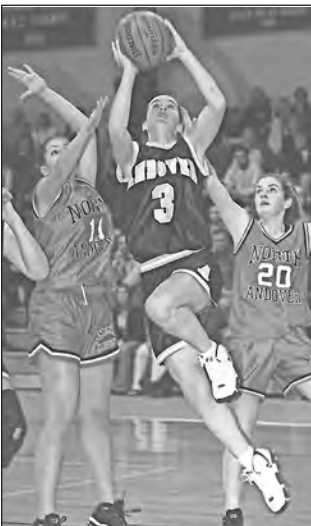
Without a doubt, Brian Tisbert was one of the premier multi-sport athletes in Andover High history.

In baseball Brian as the three-year

starting varsity shortstop, and was twice named to the Massachusetts All-State Team. He was a three-year All-MVC pick



Brian Tisbert



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Lisa Tisbert Rodger was a star on the basketball court, softball field and soccer pitch at Andover High. She is going into the Andover-Punchard Hall of Fame alongside her brother, Brian.

and MVP of the Massachusetts/Connecticut All-Star Game. Brian was an Eagle-Tribune All-Star twice and Player of the Year his senior season.

His junior year he was a Boston Globe All-Scholastic, and as a senior was All-Scholastic for both the Globe and Herald. Brian was a USA New England Baseball All-Star that competed in Holland in the international games. He received scholarships to play baseball at Rollins College and the University of Connecticut, where he was a three year starter.

In football, legendary Andover coach Dick Collins in his book *The Word Quit Does Not Exist* called Brian “the best all-around football player he ever coached.”

Brian was MVC All-Conference his junior and senior year. As a junior he compiled over 1,500 all-purpose yards. Brian was quarterback, safety, punter, and place kicker and simply never came off the playing field.

Brian distinguished himself as the first recipient from our area to be named Moynihan Lumber Student Athlete of the Year.

### Local Sports Roundup

## Denoncourt, Lawler star as girls skiing takes second at Interscholastics

### GIRLS SKIING

Cailey Denoncourt took fourth overall in 51.27 and Andover surged to second overall as a team with 501 points at the Interscholastic Meet last Thursday. Olivia Lawler took sixth overall, Anna Soutter was eighth and Amanda Leung took 10th for the Warriors.

Olivia Lawler placed first overall in 24.08 as Andover beat Masconomet 96-39 last Tuesday to finish the regular season 9-2. Anna Soutter was fourth overall, Cailey Denoncourt was fifth and Meaghan Farrell was 11th for the winners.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Senior night stunner

Jillian Webber dominated with a game-high 24 points, and Andover stunned archrival Central Catholic, 49-45 on Friday. Co-captain Meghan Stickney added 10 points, with a pair of huge threes, and Taylor Landry had eight points.

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Despite 13 points for Taylor Landry, Andover fell to Bishop Fenwick 52-29 last Wednesday. The Warriors were playing without star Jillian Webber, who missed the game due to injury.

Jillian Webber scored 11 points but Andover lost to Billerica 39-20 last Tuesday.

### GYMNASTICS

#### Tarbox in third

Audrey Tarbox was third in the all-around with a 34.95 as Andover placed second at the MVC Championship Meet, just edged out by Central Catholic (144.05-141.05). For the Golden Warriors, Beatrice Ward was third in the beam, Kaitlyn McDonald was fifth in the bars and fourth in the all-around and Joe Aronov was second in the vault.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Perry IV, Rodriguez shine  
E.J. Perry IV scored 25 points and Jonathan Rodriguez added

See ROUNDUP, Page 19



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

Olivia Lawler was one of the stars that helped lead Andover to a second-place finish at the Girls Interscholastic Race last week.







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<b>High: 35°</b> <b>Low: 13°</b>	<b>High: 37°</b> <b>Low: 30°</b>	<b>High: 51°</b> <b>Low: 36°</b>	<b>High: 49°</b> <b>Low: 30°</b>	<b>High: 49°</b> <b>Low: 31°</b>	<b>High: 43°</b> <b>Low: 26°</b>	<b>High: 39°</b> <b>Low: 25°</b>



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