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## Police respond to rash of car-breaks

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Andover police have investigated 54 car break-ins over a 50-day period in January and February, according to department records.

All motor vehicle break-ins this year have been reported to police between Jan. 3 and Feb. 21, with 14 such incidents occurring over the last two weeks.

"We've made a number of arrests," said Andover police Lt. James Hashem. "It's been a constant battle for us."

The latest arrest came on Feb. 21, after a witness reported spotting a man looking into parked vehicles on New England Business Center Drive.

Hashem said that after the witness saw the man break into one of the vehicles and take a global positioning system, the witness gave Andover police a vehicle description and license plate number. Later that day Samuel Morales, 33, of 938 Essex St., Lawrence, was stopped by Lawrence police and later arrested by Andover police.

He has been charged with malicious destruction of property over \$250, breaking and entering during the daytime for a felony and possession of a burglarious instrument.

"His vehicle description matched a number of descriptions that were given by witnesses of numerous GPS thefts," said Hashem.

A total of 24 GPS units have been stolen from vehicles so far in 2008.

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Lt. James Hashem

## Candidates detail key positions

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

In less than a month, Andover voters will elect a new member to the School Committee and decide whether to increase property taxes by 1 percent through enactment of the Community Preservation Act.

■ **School Committee candidates.** Page 2.

On March 25, Selectman Mary Lyman faces competition in her reelection bid from Peter Cotch, while newcomers Dennis Forgue and Greg Rigby look to replace School Committee member David Samuels, who isn't running.

Moderator Sheila Doherty and Andover Housing Authority member Janice Burke will run unopposed.

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### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

1. What is the biggest issue facing the town in 2008 and beyond? How would you address that issue as a selectman?
2. Do you support overriding Proposition 2 1/2 to support Andover's operating budget?
3. Will you vote to support the Community Preservation Act? Why or why not? If approved, what projects do you want to see the money spent on?



**MARY LYMAN**

1. "The biggest issue is that the local tax base isn't able to support all of the (town) services. It's an issue for 2008 and it's an issue beyond that. I certainly think the long-term financial planning is a great tool, but at the same time we also have to look at the state and federal unfunded mandates that are creating some of the problems at the local level.

"Continue to work together. The key is working with the

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**PETER COTCH**

1. "Clearly it's our revenue picture. We have to find out a way to balance the budget in the least painful way possible. That not only is the case for the coming year, fiscal 2009, but for the foreseeable future. I think we look at the spending proposals that we get from the individual department heads very, very closely and find ways that we can further reduce outlays. ... Just the overall way we do business - we

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## Gravity games



Children begin their descent on a very large snow tube while sledding near Andover High School recently.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

## Selectman: Conservative contracts will spare services

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Negotiating affordable employee contracts for the coming fiscal year and beyond will prevent the need for drastic operating budget cuts next year, selectmen Chairman Brian Major said.

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While the majority of town officials have anticipated the necessity of a multi-million-dollar Proposition 2 1/2 override to avoid significant reductions of town staff and services, Major contends all that could be avoided by negotiating affordable employee salary increases with both town and school department employee unions.

"We don't have to cut a single program or position if we settle affordable contracts," said Major. "We have it in our ability to fund every position we

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## Alcohol can't flow at Andover Inn

### New management hits liquor license snag

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The new menu at Andover Inn has earned a local chef rave reviews from the Phillips Academy dining community. But diners cannot sip wine or order any other alcoholic beverages with their meals.

The inn's \$4,500 liquor license has not been transferred to the new chef/manager, Matthew Morello.

The president of the former management team at the Inn — Oates & Bredfeldt of Brattleboro,

Vt. — faxed a letter to numerous town officials and the Police Department on Wednesday, Feb. 20, announcing the next-day closing of the upscale inn "... due to circumstances beyond our control."

Howard J. Levitan, president of Oates & Bredfeldt, wrote the letter, which also said the bar manager "locked up all alcoholic beverages in the basement of the Inn, pending our decision to transfer or relinquish the liquor license."

He could not be reached for further comment.

Meanwhile, Phillips Academy confirmed the two-day closure of

Andover Inn, but a spokeswoman said the inn reopened Saturday, Feb. 23, without the liquor license. The temporary shutdown affected at least two groups — the Service Club and the Rotary Club — both of which had breakfast meetings scheduled for the morning of Friday, Feb. 22. Both meetings were moved to the Lanam Club.

Tracy Sweet, director of Academy Communications, said the inn's liquor license situation is "still pending."

Morello, an Andover native, is managing the restaurant with his wife, Alison Sudhalter.

Their company, Morello Hospi-

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The Andover Inn, on the campus of Phillips Academy, has reopened — without a liquor license.

BRIAN MESSENGER/Staff photo

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## BREAKS: Arrests made

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Because they must be exposed to the sky to function, Hashem said GPS units are easy to spot by criminals looking for the right opportunity.

"There's one in every car now," said Hashem. "Unfortunately, with these units there's a certain amount of responsibility the owner has to take when they leave their vehicle. ... They can't leave those exposed because they are so portable."

Other items stolen from vehicles over the last two months include two purses; a radar detector; three satellite radios; two cell phones; a digital camera; iPod; lamp, carbon monoxide detector and batteries; two backpacks, a calculator and books; tools, sunglasses and a flashlight; \$58 in cash and three laptop computers.

Hashem said the incidents of motor vehicle break-in and larceny appear to be random and are taking place in various locations, from large parking lots to residential areas.

"It's an ongoing thing that we've been dealing with the last few months at least, probably the last six months or so," said Hashem. "It appears they're driving through neighborhoods and striking when the opportunity arises."

Hashem said four men were arrested on Feb. 14, suspected of involvement in a number of vehicle break-ins. Charged with numerous counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle and larceny are Micah Lim, 23, of 4 Blueberry Hill Road, Andover; Richard Baez, 19, of 5 Bradford Place, Lawrence;

*"It appears they're driving through neighborhoods and striking when the opportunity arises."*

Lt. James Hashem

Jose Cardona, 39, of 99 Arlington St., Lawrence; and Mario Rojas, 23, of 99 Arlington St., Lawrence.

Several of the men have also been charged with breaking and entering into a Keystone Way garage. All four were arrested in North Reading after a witness heard his car alarm go off at night, Hashem said. They have been arraigned in Woburn District Court.

"They were involved in quite a few (break-ins)," said Hashem. "Looks like they were targeting anything of value."

There were 343 incidents of larceny reported in Andover last year, the lowest number of incidents reported since 2002, according to police records.

Hashem said the police department has directed patrols to susceptible areas of town and has posted alert notices about the break-ins at businesses and hotels.

"You need to secure your vehicle," Hashem said. "You need to secure your valuables. Don't leave anything of value in sight."

"It (takes) very little effort for someone to smash a window and take it," he said. "It's all said and done in a matter of seconds."

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## ELECTION: Candidates offer viewpoints

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In all, six names will appear on the ballot this year. That's down from 13 names in 2007, when 22 percent of Andover's registered voters weighed in on five-way races for both town moderator position and two open selectmen seats.

The deadline for voters to register is Wednesday, March 5.

Also on the ballot will be a question regarding the Community Preservation Act, which Town Meeting accepted in the spring of 2007, pending approval on the ballot.

Approval would institute a 1 percent surcharge on property taxes that would be put into a Community Preservation Fund, used to pay for projects related to open space, historic resources and community housing, according to an explanation released this week by the town clerk's office.

Such appropriations would then be eligible for matching contributions from the state.

Last year, Town Meeting also approved exempting the first \$100,000 on the sale price of a property, as well as on exempting properties owned or occupied by low-income residents and seniors.

### MARY LYMAN

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other two committees (school and finance) to identify what we can do on our own and where we need help."

2) "The budget hearings are still not complete. However, with the revenue shortfall, it appears we will need an override. The exact number has yet to be determined, as the budget hearings are not yet completed. I think it's the right of the voters. We have to put it forward and give everybody a chance to vote."

3) "I will vote to support the Community Preservation Act. Why would we turn away money from the state that they're giving away to communities, that they would give to us if we voted this in? At this time, I would be looking at all three areas - preservation, housing and recreation. It's everything from the Veterans Memorial Auditorium - to have that restored - to housing initiatives. I think there are many qualified projects out there that could get funded."

### PETER COTCH

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tend to do things very similarly year after year. I think it's time that we take a fresher approach, with an eye toward better economy."

2) "Personally, I am opposed to a Proposition 2 1/2 override. I think it's wrong for us to put forth a budget to the town that's conditioned on a Proposition 2 1/2 override being successful. We have to be realistic with the dollars that we have to work with. ... I don't see where it's realistic that a 2 1/2 override will be successful."

3) "That's a tough one. I still haven't made up my mind on that one. I support the merits, I'm just not sure that this is the right year for it because times are tough. Any kind of tax increase is going to be difficult for the average Andover taxpayer to bear. "I'd like to see the money spent on preserving historic property here in town, perhaps in expanding the athletic fields for Little League and other team sports. I wouldn't want to see us tackle any new projects from the ground up."

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1. What is the biggest issue facing the town in 2008 and beyond? How would you address that issue as a member of the School Committee?
2. Do you support overriding Proposition 2 1/2 to sup-

port Andover's operating budget?  
3. Town-funded crossing guards will remain at St. Augustine's School, principals can now approve or disapprove outside speakers, and Andover teachers

must now allow their students to take their tests home. What is your opinion of the School Committee's recent policy manual update? How frequently should the School Committee review policies?

### GREG RIGBY



Greg Rigby

1) "I think the biggest issue for the town in 2008 and beyond, it's got to be finances. Employee benefit cost is going to be the largest issue going forward. "One area to begin would be health-care costs and how do we come up with a more effective plan for health-care costs? Certainly, we need to look very hard at the school contract and determine how to work best with the union and the teachers to come up with a contract that is the most cost-effective for both sides. How do we come up with a way to hire and utilize school personnel in the most cost-effective manner?"

2) "No. There hasn't been an argument placed before the town that says we have to have an override in order to continue what we're doing. There are no budget cuts. There are reductions in what (town and school departments) are asking for."

3) "I support what the School Committee came up with in all three of those cases. ... I think the individual policies should be put on a schedule and reviewed on a regular basis. Over the course of every three or five years, I think that would be an appropriate approach to use. If ever a policy should come up, like the crossing guard or the speakers, then they should address it."



Dennis Fargue

### DENNIS FARGUE

Dennis Fargue

1) "I would say it's managing its expenditures, its budget."

"I think there needs to be more of a philosophical change in how the School Committee approaches expenditures and to look at how to do more with less and doing whatever it can to ensure spending is within the town's ability to afford it. I think there needs to be a philosophical change around spending."

2) "I have not made that decision yet because I'm waiting for the tri-board to complete its work, which hasn't happened yet."

3) "A periodic review of the School Committee's policies is a positive thing. I think any outside speaker should be there at the permission of the school principal. ... I'm fully in favor of tests being returned, and I don't have an opinion regarding the St. Augustine's issue, as that is not specifically addressed in the redrafted policies."

## INN: Status of liquor license is on hold

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tality Group, took over the Andover Inn restaurant operation in

January. They "received stellar reviews for their new menu and the inn's overall dining experience," according to a statement

from Phillips Academy.

"Due to that success and their business management experience, the Morello Group is now in charge of both the restaurant and the inn," Sweet said.

Phillips Academy may be excited about the management transition, but Town Clerk Randy Hansen explained that selectmen have to approve the change. And the board has to approve all liquor license transfers. The board is expected to take up this issue at its next meeting on March 3.

Hansen said records show Oates & Bredfeldt still have the lease at the inn and the company paid the \$4,500 for the liquor license, so it belongs to them.

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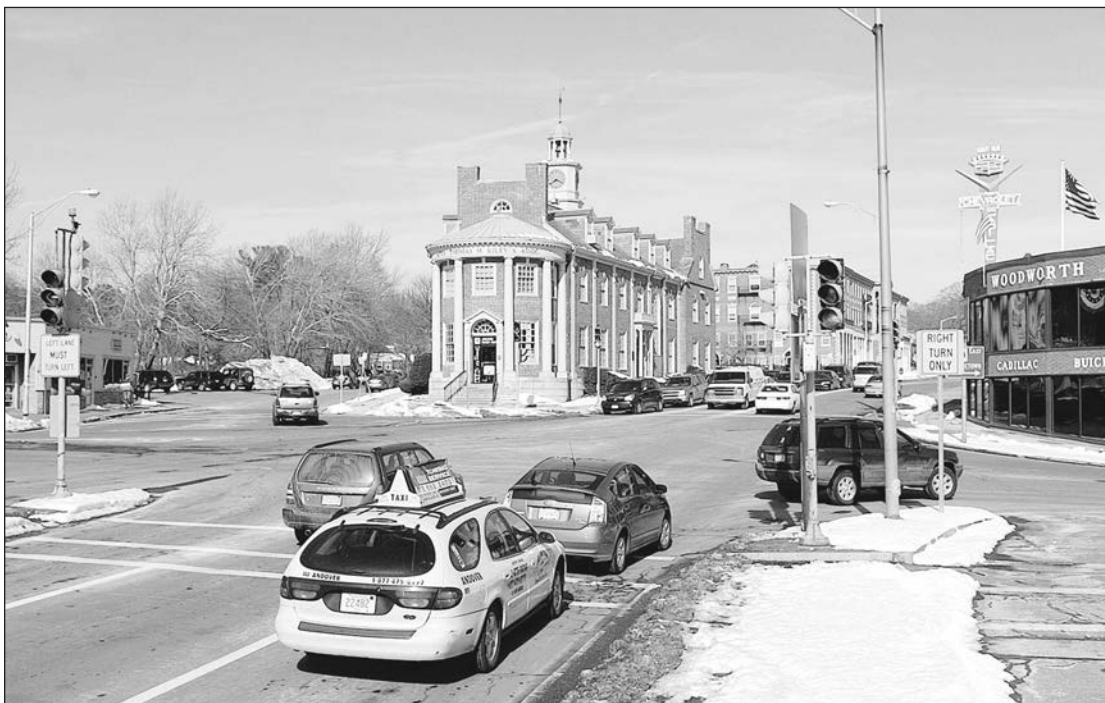
# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



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**THEN:** The intersection of Route 133 and North Main Street, also known as the state road (Route 28), was paved over with hot top in 1949-1950.



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**NOW:** A view of the intersection of North Main and Haverhill streets, also known as routes 28 and 133, today.

## Weekend passes to annual crafts fair available

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and limited edition pieces in baskets, ceramics, decorative fiber, wearables, furniture, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, paper and wood.

CraftBoston is at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston on March 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 30 from 11 a.m. to 5

p.m. The trade center is at 200 Seaport Blvd.

## School board, teachers union reach tentative pact

The School Committee said Tuesday it has reached a tentative contract agreement with the teachers union, after close to a year and a half of negotiations, protests and rallies.

Neither side would disclose details.

"We believe the tentative agreement is responsible and will provide stability and predictability in planning as we move forward as a school community," member Deb Silberstein read from a statement during the committee's meeting last night.

Andover's 465 full-time teachers will learn about the contract's terms over the next week, said Tom Meyers, president of the Andover Education Association. They will be asked to ratify the contract after they've had a chance to discuss the details, he added.

A mediator helped the parties reach an agreement on Feb. 18.

"It was really a marathon meeting," Meyers said. "It lasted from Feb. 18 to Feb. 19. ... The mediator pushed both sides to keep going."

With the town facing a \$3 million budget deficit — and the School Department being told to find \$1.9 million — residents and officials alike will be waiting to see what type of settlement has been reached and what it will cost the town. The fiscal year 2008 budget passed at Town Meeting in April did not set aside any money for salary increases.

The teachers have worked without a contract since September.

It took a year for the School Committee and teachers to agree on their last three-year contract in 2005.

In that contract, teachers received an estimated 9 percent salary increase over three years, Meyers said, but had to pay a greater portion of their health insurance.

— Crystal Bozek

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



LIVING WHERE WE LIVE, with pharmaceutical companies and life science technologies right in our backyard, it's important to let them know what biotech is.

— Mary Jo Carabatsos, the science program coordinator at Andover High School, explaining the reasoning behind a push to begin a biotechnology course of study at the school. Story, Page 13

IT HASN'T CHANGED THAT MUCH TO ME. The names of the stores have changed. The church is there. The library is there, the mills. Everything else is the same.

— Wilhemena Valentine, the Townsman's first "Andover Lifer" to be profiled, describing how she feels when she looks at the downtown, where she has lived all her 97 years. Story, Page 5

PEOPLE ALWAYS ENJOY RESEARCHING THEIR FAMILY TREE, finding those elusive family members ... it's a fun way to go back and trace where you've come from.

— Emily Classon, community services librarian, one of the organizers of Genealogy Month activities at Andover Memorial Hall Library. Story, Page 9



## NEWS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, FEB. 28

**Tri-town Task Force,** Andover representatives of Interstate 93 interchange project, Public Safety Center, Wilmington, 8 a.m.

**Andover Contributory Retirement Board,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 9 a.m.

**Disability Commission,** Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

**Conservation Commission,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

**Board of Registrars** registration session, town clerk's office, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., 5 to 8 p.m.

**Ballardvale Historic District Commission,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

**Spring Grove Cemetery Trustees,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

**Zoning Board of Appeals** public hearings and deliberation, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

**Zoning Board of Appeals** deliberations, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 9 a.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 10

**Board of Health,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 to 9 p.m.

**Housing Partnership Committee,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

**Planning Board,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

**Design Review Board,** Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.



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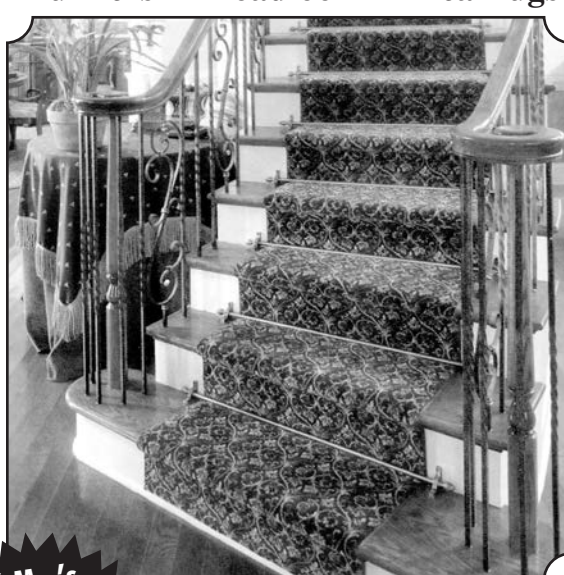
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# After 97 years, Valentine is the ultimate townie

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

There's your run-of-the-mill townie, and then there's people like Wilhelmina Valentine.

## ANDOVER LIFERS WILHELMINA VALENTINE

An Andover lifer of 97 years, Valentine, known as "Mina" by her friends, was born in town and raised on Essex Street by Scottish-immigrant parents. The Valentines settled in Andover near the turn of the 20th century to find work in the Shawsheen textile mills, following the path of Valentine's grandmother and other female relatives.

"Girls came from all over the place to get work in the mills," said Valentine. "We were all mill people."

Other than a six-month gig as a mill worker in Lawrence, Valentine has always lived and worked in downtown Andover.

"I can pass it and it looks the same to me," said Valentine of the downtown. "It hasn't changed that much to me. The names of the stores have changed. The church is there. The library is there, the mills. Everything else is the same."

## KNOW A 'LIFER'?

Do you know someone who has lived in town all their life? If you think they'd like to share their story, e-mail editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com).

Born in 1911, Valentine's family first settled down in Andover on Shawsheen Road, in a home located behind a boarding house. They then moved down by the Shawsheen River on Essex Street before she was born.

"That's where I grew up," said Valentine. "It looks just as nice now, that row of houses."

Valentine was a member of the Pynchard High School Class of 1929 and still occasionally wears her class ring.

The youngest of four siblings, Valentine never married, working at various downtown jewelry stores for 63 years before retiring at age 74. Valentine has always lived downtown, including residences on High and Barnard streets.

"I always liked it," said Valentine. "All my friends are here. Everything's here for me. I do like the people; I like the town."

She is the daughter of a cabinet maker.

Valentine's father, Alexander, owned a small shop in Scotland.

But when times got tough, the family was forced to make the move to America, she said.

Alexander Valentine found work in an Andover rubber plant, making nipples for baby bottles.

"We always laughed about that," said Valentine. "That's why I remember."

Valentine's father worked in the same factory complex where she now lives along Railroad Street.

"When I came here to live I couldn't get over how big it is," said Valentine. "It's funny for me to land here. He would have gotten a kick out of it. These were all working buildings at one time."

Valentine has been a member of New England Bible Church since it opened on Shawsheen Road.

Valentine began taking piano lessons at the age of 7 with her sister and eventually played and sang for the church.

"We had lots of minstrel shows going on," said Valentine. "I used to play every week. People don't go out to prayer meetings like they used to."

Valentine still plays piano for her friends. She has a keyboard and three books of hymns set up in her apartment.



Courtesy photo

Wilhelmina Valentine has always lived downtown, including addresses on High and Barnard streets.

She said she has her parents to thank for her love of music.

"I was always interested in music," said Valentine. "They had lovely voices

and they sang together. My father said, 'If we'll have nothing else, we'll have a piano.' So we took lessons, and I've played it all my life."

## BOOMER VENTURES PROGRAMMING

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**NOW - New Opportunities for Women:** The first in an ongoing dialogue about women reinventing themselves in the boomer years on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$20 for the series.

Schedule: Alexandra Mezey, life clarity coach, will start the dialogue the dialogue as we open Pandora's Box and explore your plans as you approach retirement on April 10. Gain perspective on traditional retirement and generate possibilities for your post-career life; attorney Debra Silberstein will talk about planning ahead to maximize assets and examine estate planning as participants explore how philanthropic values and wealth are passed on by generation on April 17; Darrin Courtney, director of Mutual Fund Services for AARP Financial, presents "Your Finances, Your World, Your Guide to Retirement Income Planning" on April 24. Hear AARP's seven tips to avoid common pitfalls as you near retirement.

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All programs take place at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, and registration is required. Registration starts Feb. 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fitness classes require a yearly health form. Light meals and chair massage available with 24-hour notice. For more information, call 978-623-8321 or visit [www.boomerventures.com](http://www.boomerventures.com).

## SENIOR NOTES

**Book Club** will meet Thursday, March 13, to discuss "Founding Brothers" by Joseph Ellis. Copies of the books are available for check-out at the center and all are welcome. Group will be led by Evelyn Retelle.

**Shingles Vaccine:** The Andover Home For Aged People has given a grant to the Andover Health Department for shingles vaccine, Zostavax. Cost is \$10 and is available to Andover residents 60 and older. Call the Health Department at 978-623-8295 for further information.

**Men's Breakfast:** "Holy Smoke" on Friday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$3. Advance reservations are required. Meet Mike Mansfield, Andover fire chief, who will give a PowerPoint presentation and lecture on the latest fire-fighting techniques as well as interesting information on search and rescue operations.

**Information session:** "My Life, My Health" on Tuesday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge. This six week program, developed by researchers at Stanford University Medical Center, includes strategies and techniques

that have been proven to enhance the quality of life for people with chronic medical conditions. Whether you're dealing with arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure or other things, this class provides valuable insight into dealing with a variety of health challenges. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend. Please register by calling Holly Cande at 978-683-7747.

**Candidates' Forum:** The Council on Aging Board will sponsor a candidates forum for those running for town offices on Friday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m. Come hear what candidates running for moderator, selectmen, School Committee and Housing Authority have to say. A continental breakfast will be served, and registration is requested.

**Volunteer tax help** is available by appointment for those who need help with tax preparation. Please note that this service is for simple, straightforward returns only. Please call the center

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**Fix-It Shop:** Volunteers will staff the next fix-it shop on Monday, March 3, at 1:30 p.m. They would be happy to take a look at any small appliances or household items in need of repair.

**An Irish History Course** will be offered on Mondays, March 17, 24 and 31, at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. Registration is required. Topics

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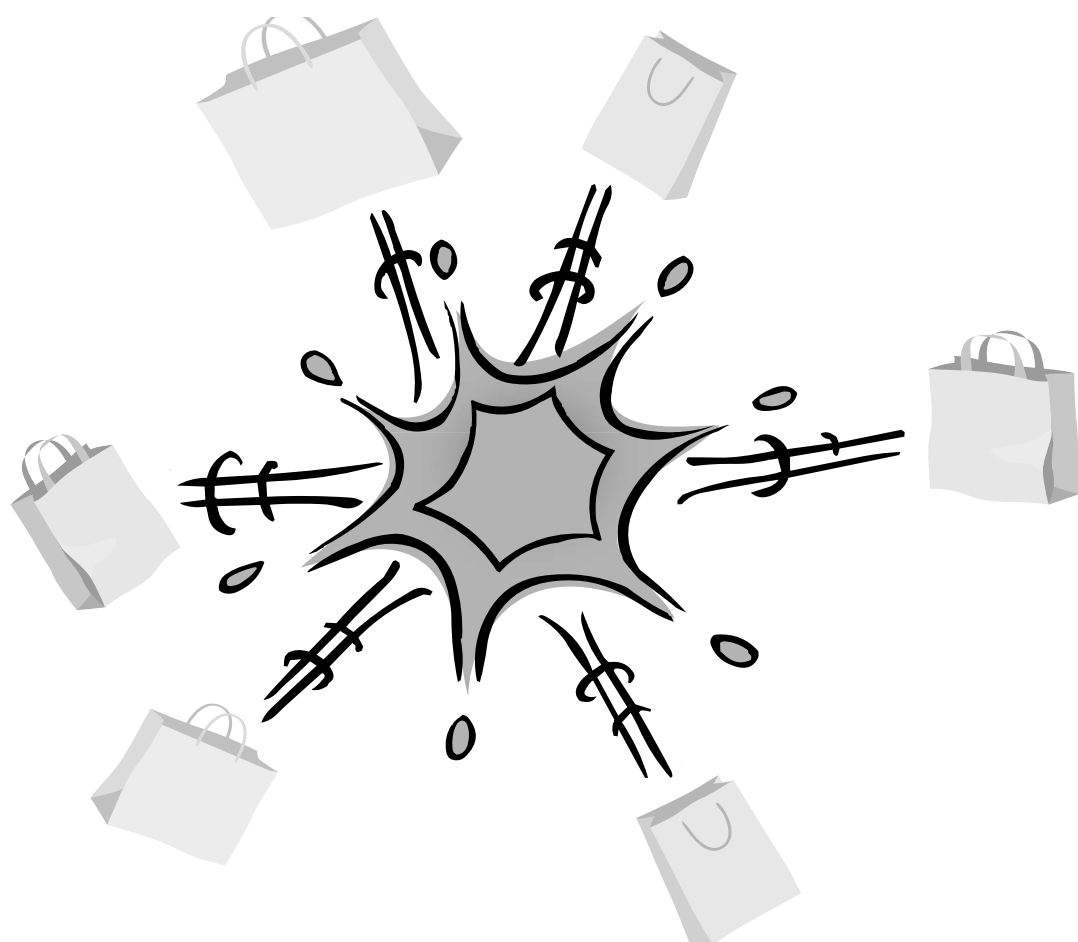
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# Opinion

## Kartell's endless appeals must end

Convicted killer James P. Kartell is again demanding a new trial in an attempt to prove he shot his estranged wife's lover in self-defense. Enough is enough.

The Superior Court trial in 2000 resulted in a manslaughter conviction for Kartell, an Andover plastic surgeon, in the death of Janos Vajda. Kartell served his full prison term and was released Oct. 2. The verdict has already survived two attempts by Kartell to overturn it. Kartell will make much the same arguments again before the state Court of Appeals on March 3 — technical complaints that do nothing to alter the basic justice of Kartell's conviction.

The court should reject Kartell's appeal.

How many times will this man be allowed to make victims of the Vajda family?

On Feb. 23, 1999, Kartell arrived at Holy Family Hospital where his wife, Suzan Kamm, was recovering from pneumonia. Vajda was in the room visiting Kamm; Kartell and Vajda began arguing and fighting. Kartell pulled a gun and shot Vajda in the stomach. Vajda collapsed. Kartell shot him a second time in the back of the head after saying, "Now you are going to get it."

Yet Kartell maintains he's innocent of any crime; he acted purely in self-defense. His appeal will argue that Kamm's comments to police officers and nurses should not have been admitted as evidence because his defense was unable to cross-examine Kamm. Kamm invoked her privilege not to testify against her spouse. Kartell's lawyer maintains there is other evidence that should have been admitted supporting the claim of self-defense.

Similar arguments were rejected by Salem Superior Court in Kartell's appeal for a new trial in 2005. There's nothing new here.

In testimony at Kartell's first trial it was revealed that the surgeon went to the hospital that day with a loaded .38 caliber revolver and extra ammunition. He was looking for trouble and found it.

While the shot in the stomach would have killed Vajda, medical examiners found, the execution-style shot to the head completed the act.

Kartell was fortunate to be convicted only of manslaughter. He fully deserved his time in prison.

No useful purpose is served in rehashing this trial. Justice was served.

Bernadett Vajda, Janos Vajda's daughter, told reporter Courtney Paquette as much.

"Let's say he's given a new trial. What happens then?" she asked. "People are still going to look at him the same way. What's the point? Move on. Live. We're living. We're doing the best we can."

Move on. Put a stop to Kartell's endless appeals and let the Vajda family live in peace.

## WEB QUESTION

### How will you celebrate leap year?

#### Andover townies: It's a generational thing

Last week's Andover Townsman Web question was, "What do you think makes someone a townie?"

With 30 people responding, the majority, 26 percent, said, "generations of their family have lived here."

Second place, with 16 percent of the vote, was a three-way tie between "they were born in town," "all of the above, for starters" and "other."

Third place, with 13 percent of the vote, was "all of the above." Folks who had their own ideas of what makes a townie came in fourth, voting for "none of the above" with 6 percent of the votes.

Last place, with 3 percent of the votes, was the option "they love the town."

#### Leap Friday: How to celebrate?

2008, a leap year, has 366 days instead of the usual 365; our extra day is this Friday, Feb. 29. This week's Townsman Web site question asks the best way to celebrate the bonus 24 hours. The next leap year won't be until 2012, so use it wisely!

What will you be doing on Feb. 29?

■ Celebrating with a friend who was born on Feb. 29, to make up for all the birthdays missed

■ Watching a performance of "The Pirates of Penzance," in which the main character is a leaping (born on leap day), or just singing a few songs from the show

■ Going shopping with my extra day's pay

■ Proposing marriage to my sweetheart — tradition holds that leap day is a chance for women to propose to men

■ Kicking off my training regimen for the 2012 Olympic games — also a leap year — to be held in London

■ Spending the day deciding if March will come in like a lion or a lamb

■ No big deal, it's just like any other day

■ Other

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## CHILDHOOD GLEE



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Tyler Schultz, 6, laughs during a presentation by Leona the Lion, a character from the PBS show "Between the Lions" at Li'l Sprouts day care in Andover.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Leadership plan should seek no override, layoffs

**Editor, Townsman:**

With a town budget crisis looming, there is much speculation about the need for a budget override at this year's Town Meeting. Media accounts speak of a school problem with the proposed loss of 45 instructional positions, increased fees, elimination of athletics and club activities, and increased class sizes. At the same time, the proposed budget cuts of nonschool departments have resulted in the need for no layoffs. This budget disparity has already sparked the creation of pro and anti-school budget groups and the prospect of another divisive floor fight at Town Meeting.

There is something really wrong with this picture. There is no "school problem," but a town problem. If the Board of Selectmen had ever intended to successfully pursue an override vote at Town Meeting, the opportunity to present a convincing case to the voters has long since passed.

Without a meaningful effort to promote an override vote at Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen has an obligation to resolve this budget imbalance, not by saying "it's your problem," but by revisiting the model-based budget prepared by the town manager. The board needs to demonstrate courage and leadership to bring the town through a difficult fiscal period.

I propose that the Board of Selectmen set a priority of no layoffs for FY 2009 and end a significant part of the budget imbalance by revisiting the proposed Capital Improvement Plan and by supporting warrant articles that seek to transfer available revenues from the Phillips Academy Fund and the Stabilization Fund. These actions would fulfill the no-layoff priority and provide a more equitable sharing of the pain due to draconian budget cuts, all without the need for raising additional taxes.

I offer this proposal to the Board of Selectmen for its deliberations and for its continuing discussions with the School Committee and the Finance Committee. At a minimum, it is the board's responsibility to end the divisiveness that 45 layoffs directed solely at the

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school department is fomenting. I urge the board to bring a budget plan to Town Meeting that everyone can support.

**John F. Zipeto**  
14 Canterbury St.

### The better the turnout, the worse the parking

**Editor, Townsman:**

Election Day crowding/parking/waiting to vote is a real problem in Andover. This is particularly true when there is a good turnout of voters. Earlier this month, the turnout of the "eligible to vote" voters was 50 percent, a good number for America, but unfortunately NOT a good number when you know that we have troops "in harm's way" as we vote — or DO NOT, as the case may be.

The number could have been better, but even the 50 percent created a big problem. I am a precinct warden and got several complaints about the waiting/parking situation. There was plenty of time to have planned and preclude the mess that existed. Could the police have developed and supervised a better flow plan? Probably. Would that have helped? Minimally. Could we have used more polling places? Maybe, but that is very expensive. There is a far cheaper and more productive answer: no school. The teachers plan a few "professional" days. Why is not Election Day a good day to be professional? Kids stay away — excepting the 18-year-olds — and bingo: no parking problem!

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

### 100 YEARS AGO

Miss Mary Mason and Miss Susie Jones left yesterday for Pinehurst, N.C., where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

John Sweeney of High Street underwent another operation at the Lawrence General Hospital last Tuesday as a result of the train accident in which Mr. Sweeney was injured some time ago.

The Memorial Hall has received from Miss Agnes Smith of Frye Village, a framed copy of the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850. There are still many people who can recall the intense excitement caused by the passage of this law, and its effects were so far reaching, that it must always seem a reality to all who read it.

### 75 YEARS AGO

The new law which raised the marriage license fee from \$1 to \$2 went into effect Tuesday at noon, but no one responded at the Town House to give the town clerk a chance to try out the new rate.

The state school question is remaining at a

standstill until Election Day when the town will vote on the question as to whether or not it wants the school here. Meanwhile, Rep. James P. Donnelly has filed a bill asking that the Department of Mental Diseases be authorized to build the school here.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Hall Library, a citizens' committee supporting the proposed library addition, members of the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen met last week to discuss the addition.

A plucky — or misguided — robin put in an appearance on Chestnut Street Tuesday morning, as the temperature hovered near zero. Whether his built-in radar was fouled up or he just likes to eat snow, no one could fathom. The general reaction of most folks, when told of the bird's appearance, was: "Is he crazy?"

### 25 YEARS AGO

Ballardvale residents are anxious for a plan that will reroute industrial traffic off their streets and onto Route 93 to go into effect, they told the

Board of Selectmen Monday night.

Sisters Susan Pfeil and Glenda Schaake have turned a desire for some relaxation from house chores into a rewarding business.

Andover's Mrs. Sylvia Lewis wanted to be a pageant judge, but wound up being crowned Mrs. Massachusetts last Sunday afternoon.

### 10 YEARS AGO

School Superintendent candidate Dr. William Allen not only fielded some tough questions from School Committee members Wednesday, he asked a few as well. At the close of his public interview with the committee, Allen wanted to know a few specifics about recent trials in the Andover schools.

One thing is clear about Deb Lafond's water: She's never sure when it will be clear. Some days it's rust-colored, some days it's clear, and occasionally it's even out-and-out brown, she says. But what isn't clear is how widespread a problem this discolored water is.

— Compiled by Michelle Weiner

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# Arts & Entertainment



The Addison Gallery's "Birth of the Cool" exhibit will be open until April 13. It features more than 200 pieces of 1950s and '60s art, including architecture, film and music.

So, what is West Coast Cool? "It's a clean, hard-edged style that gives off a feeling of effortless, all in contrast to the East coast bebop style, which was more show off-ish."

## GROOVY, MAN



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A girl meets Barbie in her 1950s glory.

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Phillips Academy student Amelia Franklin reads a book on display in the exhibit.



Max Callender of Manchester, N.H., on Sunday walks through a display of furniture from the 1950s and '60s in the Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy.

## Addison exhibit exudes a West Coast vibe

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

For the next two months, the Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy will be feeling groovy. "Birth of the Cool: California Art, Design, and Culture at Midcentury" runs through April 13.

Inspired by the 1949 Miles Davis Album "Birth of the Cool," the exhibit features more than 200 pieces — from furniture to photographs — that represent the style of the West Coast in the 1950s. The album, ground-breaking for its time, introduced a new style of jazz, dubbed "cool jazz."

"The whole idea is to show this single sensibility and aesthetic that runs through all of this, from the houses and architecture to the paintings," said Allison Kemmerer, Addison Gallery curator.

So, what is West Coast Cool? "It's a clean, hard-edged style that gives off a feeling of effortless, all in contrast to the East coast bebop style, which was more show off-ish. The cool jazz was more laid-back, more low-key and melodic."

Music from "Birth of the Cool" is featured in the exhibit's jazz lounge, a spot for visitors to sit and relax, featuring period furniture, lighting, photographs of musicians, album covers and — of course — a constant stream of jazz music.

The exhibit also features animation, photography, television, architecture, film, furniture, paintings and other pieces, all of which embody the time period, as the nation recovered from World War II and moved toward the turbulent 1960s.

Paintings by Phillips Academy alumnus John McLaughlin are featured in the show.

The exhibit "feels cool and laid-back, as if you're entering a Hollywood cocktail party scene," Kemmerer said.

The Addison is the only East Coast gallery to host the exhibit, a traveling show put together by the Orange County Museum of Art. Kemmerer was instrumental in bringing the exhibit to Andover, and was on hand to install the pieces.

Patrons have had a great response since the show opened on Feb. 15, Kemmerer said. A group of Phillips Academy students even threw a "Birth of the Cool" party at the gallery and came dressed in '50s costumes, she said.

"Birth of the Cool" was recorded in California, right as the region was on the brink of a culture boom, Kemmerer said. California's population doubled between 1949 and 1969, and "things were percolating for this big, artistic explosion," she said. "It all came together at the right time."

The period saw influence from Europeans who had emigrated to the U.S. during World War II and from the developing television and film culture. There was also a post-war business boom and architecture flourished as architects used new building materials developed in wartime factories.

The Addison, a gallery of American art, was looking to do a contemporary spring show, Kemmerer said, and the "Birth of the Cool" collection seemed a perfect fit. The Addison staff was drawn to the fact that the show is so interdisciplinary, she said, and features a variety of types of art that capture the cool movement.

"It's a testament to this period in art history. These things still have a draw for people today," Kemmerer said.

"The show has made us realize how much we use the word 'cool' (today)," she said with a chuckle.



Courtesy photo

Students enjoy a book from the exhibit.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, FEB. 28

**Author reading and signing:** Eve Laplante will read and autograph her book "Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall" at 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-475-0143.

**"Trek: A Journey on the Appalachian Trail"** will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading, as part of the townwide reading program, North Reading Reads 2008. Produced by Cirque Production, it is a documentary film about four young men, and the people they meet, as they attempt to hike the 2,168 miles of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-664-4942.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 29

**The Symphony and Chamber orchestras** of Phillips Academy will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover. Cochran Chapel is wheelchair accessible. The program will include Bach's Brandenburg Concert No. 3, directed by Christina Landolt; "Fisher's

Hornpipe," arranged by Mark O'Connor; James Matheson's New Work for String Orchestra, directed by Elizabeth Aureden; Schumann's Piano Concerto with Sophie Scolnik-Brower, Phillips Academy Class of '08; Brahms Serenade No. 1 in D Major, Op. 11; Debussy's "Danses Sacree et Profane" for Harp and Strings; and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, Op. 48, directed by James Orent.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

**Floor Lords will perform "Floorlore: A History of Hip Hop"** at 8 p.m. in Mahoney Hall, UMass Lowell South, 870 Broadway St., Lowell. Admission is \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door the night of the performance. For more information or tickets, call 978-934-5001.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

**Children's book signing:** North Andover resident and author Anne Broyles will be signing her new children's picture book, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks," from noon to 2 p.m. at Borders Books in Methuen. Based on a true story, "Priscilla

and the Hollyhocks" is about a young slave girl, who in 1838, walks the Trail of Tears with her Cherokee owners. For more information, e-mail [annebroyles@annebroyles.com](mailto:annebroyles@annebroyles.com).

**Drop-in art activity:** Japanese Dolls Day: Make a paper hina doll in honor of Japanese Hinamatsuri from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Cost is included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. Members, youth 16 and under, and residents of Salem are free. For more information or to register, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

**Phillips Academy Music Department** presents faculty member **Duncan Cumming** in a piano recital at 7:30 p.m. in Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St. This concert is free to the public. For more information, call 978-749-4263 or email [music@andover.edu](mailto:music@andover.edu).

**Old School Freight Train** will perform at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading. Admission is \$18, \$15 seniors and students. For more information, visit [www.osft.net](http://www.osft.net).

**Andona's Casino Night** will be held

from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. The event will feature Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Roulette and more. Music, light food and cocktails will be served. There will be a silent auction with such items as a flat screen television, a diamond necklace, a golf package and more. For more information, visit the Andona Web site at [www.andonasociety.org](http://www.andonasociety.org).

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

**Lecture:** Internationally recognized journalist Kevin Cullen will share his observations of today's Ireland in a lecture entitled "A Terrible Beauty: Ireland in the 21st Century" during the Northern Essex Community College White Fund lecture at 2 p.m. in the White Fund Room at 78-82 Amesbury St., in the Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center in Lawrence. Parking is available behind the building. Additional parking is available at the Buckley Garage across the street from the campus. Parking is free to those attending NECC events. For more information, call 978-738-7403.

**Merrimack Valley Philharmonic** in concert with **conductor Maestro George Monseur** and **cello soloist Emmanuel Feldman** in Edward Elgar's "Concerto for

Cello and Orchestra in e minor," Opus 85, and Johannes Brahms "Symphony No. 1 in c minor," Opus 68, at 2 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Tickets are \$18 adults, \$12 seniors and students, \$5 children. For more information or tickets, call 978-685-3505 or visit [www.mvpmusic.org](http://www.mvpmusic.org). Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

**Free family concert:** Valerie Taylor conducts the Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra in a free family concert at 3 p.m. at the Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Road. Eighteen young musicians will join the orchestra in a performance of Capriol Suite by Peter Warlock. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Lowell Cultural Council. For more information, call 978-703-0094 or visit [www.lowellphilharmonic.org](http://www.lowellphilharmonic.org).

**Phillips Academy music department** will present the **Academy Jazz Band and ensembles** under the direction of Peter Cirelli at 3 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. The groups will be performing a variety of pieces by Sonny Rollins, Benny Golson and Duke Ellington, as well as songs by Brazil-

ian composers Edu Lobo and Rafael dos Santos. For more information, call 978-749-4263.

**Art and nature story time on Dr. Seuss' birthday:** Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a reading of "Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose," explore the ways animals depend on one another and create a set of antlers from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Art Studio at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This program is designed for ages 3 to 6 with an accompanying adult. Cost is included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. This program is made possible by New Trade Winds/ECHO. For more information or to register, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

**The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra** will perform at 2:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., Route 114, North Andover. The cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students and \$5 for children ages 4 and up. For more information, call 978-685-3505 or visit the Web site [www.mvpmusic.org](http://www.mvpmusic.org).





# Business

## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

### Nursing home advocates trained

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, in partnership with North Shore Elder Services, is hosting a free three-day nursing home advocates training March 18, 19 and 20 in the Elder Services offices at 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence.

Sessions will last from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

At the conclusion of the training, participants will be certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as Nursing Home Ombudsmen for the Elder Services of Merrimack Valley.

The one-year commitment includes three days of training, monthly supervision, and dedicated hours each month for nursing home visits. Space is limited.

Reservations are strongly recommended.

For more information or reservations, call Gerry Proulx at 978-946-1445.

### Murphy joins medical group

Dr. Stephen P. Murphy has joined North Reading Medical Associates. Practicing internal medicine alongside Dr. Wayne Weinreb, Murphy also provides services as an attending physician to Winchester Hospital patients in rehabilitation, long-term and skilled nursing facilities.

Most recently an internist at Riverside Healthcare Associates in Medford, Murphy practiced medicine for 23 years in North Reading and Somerville.

He holds a doctor of medicine degree from Boston University School of Medicine and a bachelor of science degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

He completed an internship, as well as junior and senior assistant residencies in medicine, at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

A resident of Andover, Murphy is board certified in internal medicine.

He is accepting new patients at North Reading Medical Associates at 203 Main St., North Reading.

### Financial planner receives honor

Christine R. Burke, a certified financial planner who works and lives in Andover, was named one of the top ten investment advisors in the area by Women's Business Boston's February issue.

### Award-winning broadcast available

Three, hourlong public interest radio programs will be made available to college and community stations each week at no cost effective immediately by producer Massachusetts School of Law at Andover.

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## Lanam Club loosens rules on weddings

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

The proud history at the Lanam Club is all about the businessmen of the Merrimack Valley.

The club, at 260 N. Main St., has been a meeting place for the past 51 years.

A Lanam Club membership allows its holder to talk business and dine in elegance. Its members meet at white-clothed tables and sink into butter-soft leather wingback chairs in the oak-paneled dining rooms under an attractive ceiling festooned with garland and rosettes created by Roman plaster craftsmen.

Businesswomen are certainly welcome to become members, and they have for years. But, now a new breed of woman is also welcome — a bride without club connections.

The club's board of directors has lifted the rule that for a ceremony or reception to be held at the Lanam Club, the bride must be related to a member.

Weddings are nothing new to The Lanam Club. But brides have always been the daughters, granddaughters or nieces of a member who sponsored the bride on her big day.

Weddings are getting more attention at The Lanam Club these days than business meetings.

The club is the perfect setting for a bride looking for elegance, general manager Alex van den Broek said.

"It's exciting. We've got the 'wow' factor when brides visit; it's not the factory wedding setting," van den Broek said. "We've got our dining room or enough room for a tent outside on the grounds. It's beautiful."

With wedding menu packages starting at \$52 a person and room for 75 to 150 people, the club is reaching out to brides in search of quaint elegance.

Lanam Club member events, like the annual Easter egg hunt or holiday party, are still given priority, but the public is welcome to fill in the open dates. Van den Broek said The Lanam Club is working on its community presence and is eager to become more involved in town. Already, the Rotary Club has its weekly breakfast meetings there. Even the Newcomers Club once reserved space.

Van den Broek has an extensive background in the wedding industry. He has also learned about Andover's affluent visitors to Phillips Academy from a man who knows that crowd quite well. Henry Broekhoff, who formerly ran the Andover Inn on the Phillips Academy campus, is van den Broek's mentor.

Broekhoff was retired when The Lanam Club called him last summer asking for help in recruiting someone to become the club's general manager. Broekhoff served as the interim manager until van den Broek was hired in October. Broekhoff is finally enjoying retirement in New Mexico, van den Broek said.

Like Broekhoff, van den Broek is a native of Holland. He came to the area as an exchange student. He worked on a cruise ship while earning a hospitality degree and was eventually hired by



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Alex van den Broek, general manager of the Lanam Club in Andover, is trying to cater to a younger clientele, by opening the club to nonmembers' wedding ceremonies and receptions.

Broekhoff at the Andover Inn in 1998. He worked as Broekhoff's assistant until 2003.

He then worked in the wedding industry, handling bookings at Promises to Keep restaurant and the Brickstone Ballroom and Event Center, both in Derry, N.H.

But he said his heart was always in Andover, and said he enjoys the area very much. He calls The Lanam Club "a hidden jewel" in Merrimack Valley. He is thrilled to be the one to polish its new presence as a wedding destination.

A Leap Year baby who turns 40 on Friday, Feb. 29, he and wife, Kristen, live in Fremont, N.H., with their 12-pound Brussels griffon dog named Fenway Frank.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The Club was built in 1916
- Its original name was "Orlando" and its original owner was mill magnate William M. Wood
- The Club features decorative pieces from around the world, including:
  - hand-carved oak panels designed by German craftsmen
  - ceilings plastered by Roman craftsmen
  - a marble fireplace from the Vanderbilt mansion on Fifth Avenue in New York City
  - silver light fixtures from Tiffany's
- Renamed The Lanam Club in 1957

Source: The Lanam Club

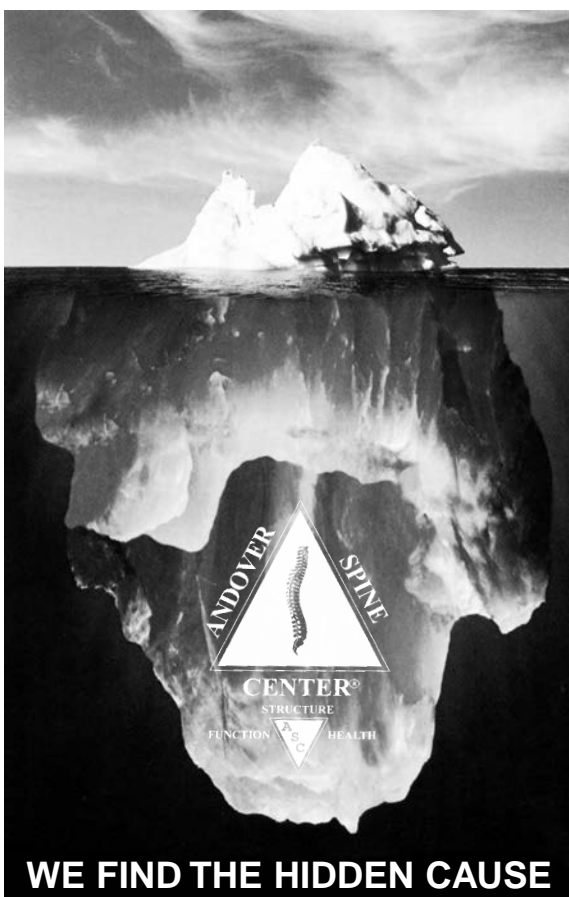
His wife is a Methuen native who works at Elizabeth Grady in Andover.

Van den Broek is a vintage European car enthusiast with no plans to drive

away from his job any time soon.

"The Lanam Club has been around for 50 years," he said. "I can't wait for the next 50."

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# Sports

## WHAT A WEEKEND!



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Christina Muccio, far left, surges to the finish line for the win in the 55-meter dash at the All-Star track meet on Monday in 7.24.

### AHS girls rally to win All-State title

By PETER A. MARTIN  
STAFF WRITER

ROXBURY — Once skeptical, Andover's Kayley Pettoruto could now taste the victory. "Knowing we were that close got us fired up and ready to go," Pettoruto said. "When our coach told us (before the season) that we could win States, we all thought he was crazy."

Going into the final event on Monday, Feb. 25, Andover was five points away from an All-State track title, trailing Newton South by only four points.

That event was the 4x400-meter relay, and Newton South did not qualify a team for the event. So Andover needed only to score a fourth (four points) to tie or a third (six points) to win.

"We told the girls going in to do nothing crazy," Andover coach Peter Comeau said. "Third or better and we pull the upset and win the state championship."

Fortunately, this was Andover. And relays are what Andover specializes in.

The relay team of Vanessa Singleton, Pettoruto, Laura Cody and Colleen Shannon delivered with a second-place finish and a state championship for the Golden Warriors on Monday. Andover ran a 4:01.52 to comfort-

ably beat Lexington (4:03.08) and Bridgewater-Raynham (4:04.23). That enabled Andover to eclipse Newton South, 36-32.

"The kids have to believe they can win," Comeau said. "We worked all year for this. We set a goal last year after we were third at outdoors (at All-States)."

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We decided to set our goals high and try to compete with the Lincoln-Sudburys of the state."

Those relay heroics were set up by yet another relay squad. The team of Melissa Knapp, Christina Muccio, Emily Shields and Singleton took second in the 4x200 in 1:45.67 a few events before the winning performance.

Shannon and Pettoruto also had strong individual performances. Shannon placed third in the 1,000 meters in 3:00.15 and Pettoruto, one of the most improved athletes in the state, took fourth in the 600 in 1:37.14.

Pettoruto's feat was especially remarkable as she was seeded seventh and so was not in the fastest flight of runners.

Andover also had a banner day from its sprinters. Muccio and Chris McConnell backed up their sweep of the 55 meters at the Division 1 States with another sweep.

McConnell was the fastest qualifier after the preliminaries and won the final with relative ease, besting Enoch Mills of Boston English 6.45-6.56.

"This is so much bigger than last week — this is States," McConnell said.

The sophomore also had a bold prediction for the New England Championships next week.

"Christina (Muccio) and I will be able to sweep New England, and I am looking forward to it," he said.

Muccio, on the other hand, had a tougher road to her victory. Despite being the No. 1 seed, a bad start in the preliminaries left her with the fifth fastest qualifying time.

"My start was awful," Muccio said. "I just had to shake it off. If I was going to mess up, at least it happened in the prelims."

She was able to gather herself well enough to run a 7.24, the fastest time in the state this year, and earn the win.

"It's awesome to win back to back. ... It's just awesome," Muccio said.

"This was a team effort," Comeau said. "There were seven girls here tonight, but that came out of the 95 girls in the program pushing them every day in practice."

### Records fall for D'Innocenzo

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

When Andover star Nick D'Innocenzo leapt out of the water after setting a new state record in

the 100 breast-stroke, he was met by a surprise observer.

"I had just finished the race," he remembered. "And Joe Sheehan, the previous record holder, walked over to me and shook my hand and said, 'I always wanted to see my record fall.' He had held the record for 19 years. My jaw just dropped."

Sheehan, who set the mark with a 57.64 while swimming for Malden Catholic in 1989, was in attendance to watch D'Innocenzo shatter his record with a 57.26 on Sunday, Feb. 24, at Harvard.

The Golden Warriors junior did not stop there. He ended up setting three meet records to go with his one state record as the Golden Warriors (175 points) placed second as a team behind St. John's Prep (261).

D'Innocenzo also broke Erik Vendt of BC High's 200 individual medley meet mark by .59 seconds in a time of 1:50.94. D'Innocenzo set the state mark last week at North Sectionals in 1:50.67. Vendt set the meet record in 1999, and one year later he was in Sydney, Australia, winning an Olympic silver medal in the 400 individual medley. He repeated the feat in 2004 in Athens.

This marked the third straight year in which D'Innocenzo was a



File photo

Nick D'Innocenzo, here in the MVC championship last year, broke a state record and three meet records at the Division 1 State Championships.

*"To win those two relays was just huge for us. It was a really great day for our seniors. It was awesome to be able to swim with the boys and get to share that with everyone."*

Nick D'Innocenzo

state champ in the two individual events.

D'Innocenzo then teamed with Paul Hunter, Peter Saunders and Mike Bakies to set a meet record in the 400 freestyle relay in a time of

3:12.05, topping the old record by .77 seconds.

Hunter, Saunders and D'Innocenzo were then joined by Zach Hamer to win the 200 medley relay in 1:28.48.

"To win those two relays was just huge for us," he said. "It was a really great day for our seniors. It was awesome to be able to swim with the boys and get to share that with everyone."

Hunter followed that relay up with a second in the 100 backstroke (53.53) and a sixth in the 200 freestyle. Peter Saunders was third in the 50 freestyle (21.82) and sixth in the 100 backstroke.

"We always go in knowing that St. John's Prep is stacked and is going to be very strong," said D'Innocenzo. "But we go in saying we are going to give them a fight. And we did that today."

### Injury Prevention clinic scheduled for March 4 at Merrimack

Injury Prevention in Youth Sports: Play Now, Pay Later?, a clinic cosponsored by Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network and RallyNorth.net —

is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Cascia Hall at Merrimack College. Andrew Cannon, the team physical therapist at Merrimack,

and Steven Andriola will be guest speakers. For more information, e-mail jhogg@northeastrehab.com or call 603-681-3570.

### Celebrate Roots during Black History Month

Do you ever wonder about your roots?

Who were your great-grandmother and grandfather? Who were their parents? Sometimes those questions are easily answered. Often the answers get lost.

Alex Haley decided to find those answers and more. Alex Palmer Haley was born in Ithaca, New York in 1921. He was the son of two teachers, Simon Haley and Bertha Palmer Haley.

Shortly after Haley was born, the family moved to Henning, Tennessee where Alex's grandfather owned the local lumber company. When his grandpa died, his father took over the lumber business. His mom died when he was 10 years old.

In Henning, Alex spent time with his grandmother, Cynthia Palmer. She told him many stories about his mother's family history. One story was about Alex's great-great-great-great grandfather who was an African called "Kin-tay". He was brought by slave-ship to America and was renamed Toby.

School was not easy for Alex. He went to college at age 15, but dropped out.

During World War II Haley joined the Coast Guard as a mess boy. Haley started writing adventure stories because he was bored. He was soon promoted to Chief Journalist. He would help his fellow sailors write love letters to send home to their wives or girlfriends.

He also submitted writings to magazines. It took eight years and many rejection slips before he was finally published.

Haley retired from the Coast Guard in 1959 and became a full-time writer. He wrote for Reader's Digest and other magazines.



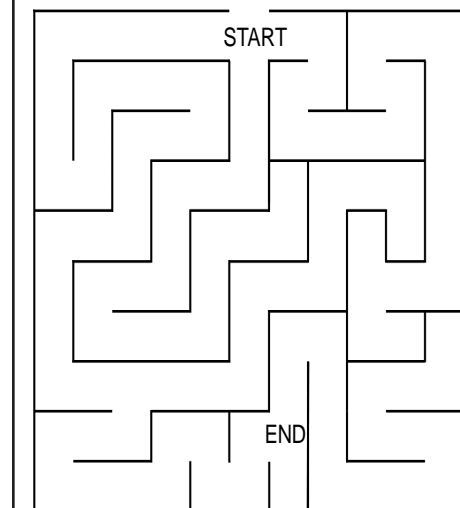
Alex Haley, author of "Roots"

In 1965, Haley found the names of his maternal great-grandparents in records at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. He was soon off to the village of Juffure, in Africa, to trace his ancestors. He met with a griot (an oral historian) who could name Haley's own ancestor, Kunta Kinte.

Haley used his research to write a novel titled "Roots." In 1977 the book won the National Book Award and a special Pulitzer Prize. It sold more than a million copies in the first year.

"Roots" also became a television mini series. A second series, "Roots: The Next Generations," ran in 1979. Haley died of a heart attack on Feb. 10, 1992. He was working on a book about his father's family at the time. "Queen" was published after Haley's death.

Americans have observed Black History Month since 1926. Dr. Carter Woodson founded the celebration to bring attention to the role of blacks in American history. He picked February because Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and W.E.B. DuBois were born in February. The 15th Amendment granting blacks the right to vote was passed in February, and the NAACP was founded in February.



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# Dentist visits, sledding, biking: It's all about nerves

## The Back Page

Bill Dalton



My teeth twinged when I read an e-mail from Bob Domingue. Bob grew up in the late 1940s, and his dentist was Malcolm B. McTernan, whose office overlooked Elm Square.

Bob had very soft teeth and, though he brushed diligently, he had many cavities. His teeth bothered him so much that he packed snow into his mouth to numb the ache in the winter. One cavity was particularly unnerving. Late one afternoon, Dr. McTernan packed the cavity with cloves trying to deaden the nerves.

When Bob returned the next morning, McTernan asked how his night had been. Bob said it was good and the doctor said that Bob's day would not be. McTernan didn't use gas or novocaine. Bob says, "Dr. McTernan removed the packing and then removed the nerve with a little wire tool he had for that purpose. I swear that the nerve was still wriggling on the wire when he

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showed it to me. When I left his office, the cop in the little booth in [Elm Square] asked me 'What the h— happened up there?' I guess I was more vocal than I thought." Bob graduated from Phillips Academy in 1955. Among other accomplishments, he published an illustrated history of PA's campus. He lives on Greenwood Road.

### The sixth hole

John Murphy (Andover High School '77) tells about the heyday of sledding on the sixth hole hill at the Andover Country Club. It was probably the best sledding in town when he was growing up. It was so busy that cars parked on both sides of Beacon Street from West Elementary to Chandler Road. When it was cold, people started small bonfires on top of the hill. John says that halfway down the hill on the left was a jump for the "oldest and bravest." His favorite memory concerns the

hood of an old, 1950s Ford. He says, "It was turned upside down making a huge sled for 10-plus kids to ride down the hill." When not in use, the hood was carefully hidden in the nearby woods for many years.

John lived at 25 Juniper Road until 1983, when a job took him out of town. He returned to the family home in the early 1990s and lives there now.

I, too, remember the sixth hole. In high school, many of us went there for nighttime toboggan parties. I had a four- or five-person toboggan, but it could tightly seat six, which was particularly attractive when girls came along. My last toboggan experience rivaled my last sledding experience when I banged my head a few years earlier.

One late night, with just boys aboard the toboggan, we got reckless and hit a tree. We were going pretty fast and barely avoided an Ethan Frome moment. The toboggan hit on its extreme left front, and instead of going headlong into the tree, the toboggan rotated counter-clockwise and turned over. It was ruined.

### A bike stunt worth repeating

When Mike Connolly was 4 years old, he looked up Chestnut

Street hill and saw a teenage boy do a stunt so stupendous that Mike never forgot it. The boy was going full speed down the hill on his bicycle, standing straight up on its seat with his arms out to form a T. The stunt was so wondrous that nine years later Mike tried the same stunt on Avon Street.

Mike says, "I pedaled up to a good speed and, holding onto the handle bars, managed to get both feet on the seat. I couldn't believe how high I felt over the road as it raced below me. [To complete the stunt] the last thing I had to do was extend my arms out. However there was a huge problem."

Mike was riding a very well-worn bike. When he let go of the handle bars there was a slight wobble that became a violent wobble when he stood up. He says, "My bike had never acted like this before but it had never been ridden like this either. It was like a wild stallion trying to throw off its rider. Jumping off was not an option as I was already traveling much faster than I could run. I lunged down and forward for the wildly gyrating handle bars but my feet slipped off the seat. My legs fell on either side of the bicycle bar as I hit hard with my full



Courtesy photo

If it were up to Bill Dalton, bicycles like this one, with a "boy bar," would be a thing of the past.

weight. It was bone on steel. When the wreckage slid to a halt it was time to feel the pain. I sensed immediately there was no soft tissue damage, only a terrible ache in the floor of my pelvic bone. It was as close as I ever will be to being ruptured." Mike ends his story by stating that boys

bikes should be made like girls bikes — without the bar. You have my vote, Mike.

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