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## MARS MYSTERY

Above, NASA research associate Dr. Suzanne Young talks to students at High Plain Elementary School about the Phoenix Mars Mission, which is scheduled to land on Mars on May 25. At left, Clayton Rabold, a first-grader at the High Plain Elementary School in Andover watches a movie showing the launching of the Phoenix Mars Lander.

## Mission control has local connection

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

When the unmanned Phoenix Mars Lander touches down on that planet next month, a bit of Andover will have a front row seat.

Among the scientists operating mission control from the NASA-run Scientific Operation Center in Tucson, Ariz., will be town native Suzanne Young. The NASA research associate helped develop a key piece of scientific equipment on board — one that could help answer the question of whether the Martian soil could support life.

Also a Tufts University chemistry professor, Young talked to High Plain Elementary School students at two assemblies on April 7 about the role she plays in this mission. Met with lots of “wows” and “cools,” her multimedia presentation had

photographs of the cold, cratered Mars terrain; the rockets that propelled the equipment into space, and the Phoenix Mars Lander itself. The Lander equipment includes analyzers, cameras, a microscope, robotic arms and solar panels that can help provide power.

Remembering the age group of her particular audience, Young was articulate but down to earth, talking about different types of NASA rockets. She discussed the Titan rocket, the Delta 2 and the nine solid rockets that were used to launch the Phoenix Mars Lander in Au-

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Phoenix Mars Lander lifted off Aug. 4 at 5:26 a.m. from Cape Canaveral, Fla. The Lander is expected to land on Mars on Sunday, May 25, around 7 p.m., our time. NASA-run Scientific Operation Center (mission control) in Tucson, Ariz., includes Dr. Suzanne Young, Andover native. Lockheed Martin, which built the Lander, will also have a mission-control center in Boulder, Colo. The mission's purpose is to find out if life could exist on Mars. Source: Dr. Suzanne Young, NASA research associate, Tufts University chemistry professor.

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## Budget fallout



KATIE McMAHON/Staff photo

South Elementary School Principal Eileen Woods, Doherty Middle School Principal Bruce Maki, and Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson present potential budget cuts during a parents' meeting at the high school on Monday night.

## Principals lay out effects of proposed cuts

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

If approved at Town Meeting, the school budget proposed by the town manager and recommended by selectmen would cause some elementary school class sizes to increase beyond what is currently allowed under School Committee policy.

The loss of classroom workers would mean that 50 or more elementary school classrooms could be at or above the recommended class-size level, according to South Elementary School Principal Eileen Woods. In all, there are 128 elementary school classes in Andover.

School department budget cuts would also likely require the elimination of the entire high school athletics program and numerous support services positions at Andover's three middle schools, according to school officials.

Woods, along with Doherty Middle School Principal Bruce Maki and Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson, ad-

ressed more than 100 parents about potential budget cuts on April 7 inside the high school cafeteria.

With Superintendent Claudia Bach's recommended School Department budget still roughly \$2 million more than what the town can afford without raising property taxes above the amount allowed by state law, the three principals outlined how specific cuts would affect the elementary, middle and high school levels if no budget alternatives are agreed to before or during Town Meeting.

Woods told parents that elementary school class sizes are currently at or above the School Committee's recommended levels. Under committee policy, the target for class size is 20 students for kindergarten; 23 students for grades 1 and 2; and 25 students for grades 3, 4 and 5. The actual class sizes are permitted to fluctuate by no more than four students, meaning kindergarten classes must have between 16

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## Group hatches plan to save school budget

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

With Town Meeting less than three weeks away and Andover officials still without an operating budget compromise, a group of residents is finalizing a plan that would avoid School Department cuts by spending \$1.9 million in savings.

The nearly \$127 million budget recommended by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and approved by the Board of Selectmen — which includes \$58.6 million for the School Department — does not provide enough money to save some elementary school

teachers nor the entire high school athletics program, according to school officials.

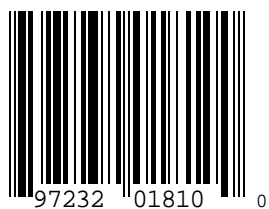
To avoid those outcomes and other cuts to Andover's public schools, a group of residents is proposing that Town Meeting transfer \$1.9 million in reserves to the School Department for a one-time operating fix next year.

The money would come out of both Andover's stabilization fund and an account holding several year's worth of annual payments to the town from Phillips Academy (in lieu of taxes), which selectmen have voted to transfer to

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## Annual Town Meeting to decide anti-blight rule

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Residents of Kirkland Drive say nothing has changed on their street over the last year — except their plan to get a neighbor's yard cleaned up.

The proponents of last spring's unsuccessful Property Maintenance Code will be back at Town Meeting this year with

what they are calling a “Residential Anti Blight” bylaw proposal.

The focus of their effort is 27 Kirkland Drive, a property they contend has been littered for years with plastic lawn furniture, dozens of buckets, trash cans, blue vinyl tarps and seemingly dead plants.

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# SCHOOL: Group trying to save school budget

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the stabilization fund. Town Meeting will ultimately decide if the Phillips Academy money is indeed transferred.

Including the Phillips money as town reserves, Townwide PTO member Bill Pennington, a member of the resident group hoping to increase the school budget, said the town has a total of \$6.3 million held in reserve accounts.

"What we're trying to do is not increase property taxes," said Pennington. "What we're proposing to do is take probably less than a third of the money from reserves and switch it to the schools."

Selectmen and Finance Committee members have suggested that those who want to spend more should support an override article that is on the Town Meeting warrant.

But Pennington said that unless selectmen, school and finance officials come up with a compromise before Town Meeting, the resident group will propose taking \$1.25 million from Andover's stabilization fund and about \$650,000 of the Phillips Academy money to cover school operating

costs next year.

"It's not ideal; it's not the fiscal responsible thing to do," said Pennington. "But unfortunately, we don't see an alternative. There's no alternative at the moment because the override's not going to pass. It's the only option we have right now."

Such transfers to the school budget would reduce a nearly \$2 million shortage between available funds under Stapczynski's recommended budget and Superintendent Claudia Bach's proposed budget to roughly \$500,000.

That remaining gap could be covered by taking more money away from capital improvement projects, Pennington said.

"Hopefully they can come to an agreement so we don't have to put that position forward," said Pennington. "If they do, I'll withdraw the article. But if we need to go in that direction, we're prepared to do so."

The Finance Committee has publicly stated it does not support the use of reserves to fund operating expenses.

"I think it's easy to understand the motivation for putting these proposals forward," said Finance Committee member Mark Merritt. "I think what is of particu-

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School Committee member  
Tony James

lar concern is the recurring use of substantial amounts of reserves to cover substantial and growing amounts of the operating budget.

"We have been doing it, and I think the big concern of the Finance Committee is continuing to follow that pattern is detrimental," said Merritt. "It's going to erode all of our reserves and it's going to do so very soon. That puts us in a very precarious position."

Like Pennington, Townwide PTO member Diane Costagliola acknowledges the proposal is not fiscally responsible in the

long term.

"Everybody would agree no, but it's what we've been backed into at this point," she told parents on April 7 at Andover High School. "At this point, the best options we have are those private warrant articles."

Pennington said the resident group already has met with Town Moderator Sheila Doherty and told her about its plan.

"It's pretty simple," said Pennington. "You're not raising your taxes. It goes to the schools. It's real simple. It's nothing complex. That's why we're going this route."

With April school vacation in two weeks, Pennington said the group will be ready for Town Meeting.

"I think we'll be all set to go, especially as we get closer," said Pennington. "We'll have all the flyers distributed. ... You'll probably see them at some of the town schools."

On April 1, the School Committee recommended disapproval of both the Board of Selectmen's proposed school budget number of \$58.6 million and a \$2.5 million Proposition 2 1/2 override proposal included on this year's Town Meeting warrant.

"There's no chance of an override passing," School Committee member Tony James told parents on April 7. "We believe it's dead in the water and the only possibility would be the cuts that we heard about tonight."

Without additional funding, Bach said she is anticipating the elimination of at least the equivalent of 40 full-time employees at the elementary level and the entire high school athletics program, which costs roughly \$500,000 to operate each year.

James said an effort will still be made by the School Committee to find common ground with members of the Finance Committee and selectmen before Town Meeting on April 30.

"We hope all three boards can get together and come to an agreement," he said. "We are open for compromise."

Pennington said his group is prepared to suggest that the town use reserves as an alternative to school budget cuts.

"Unfortunately, the leaders didn't get this done," said Pennington. "We all agree you can't do this year after year. But the problem is, what do you do next year?"

## CUTS: No easy answers to budget problems

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and 14 students; grades 1 and 2 must have 19 to 27 students; and grades 3, 4 and 5 must have between 21 and 29 students, according to Woods.

But under the potential cuts to elementary teaching staff, Woods said class sizes could rise to between 30 and 32 students.

"I do have to say this will be a disaster for our elementary learners, for our teachers and the community," said Woods. "We're not talking about low class size tonight. We are talking about maintaining what we have."

Normally, increases in class sizes can be alleviated through the addition of an instructional assistant, Woods said. But with potential cuts calling for the elimination of the equivalent of 20 full-time assistants, and some teachers across the school levels, such a method may not work, she said.

Woods called low class size the single most important factor to maintaining a quality elementary education.

If budgeting restraints force ele-

mentary class sizes to increase, School Committee member Arthur Barber said the committee might be forced to revise its policy to fit that reality.

"I think the finances would have to override that," said Barber. "I'm hopeful this doesn't happen."

Barber agreed with Woods' view that increasing class sizes is a detriment to young students especially.

"If we don't have the budget to fund the 20 teachers and 20 full-time equivalents, adding students to each remaining class presents a tremendous burden on the students," said Barber. "Everyone gets less attention. The teacher has to move the class along quicker."

According to Maki and Anderson, no cuts to the teaching staff can be made at the middle school and high school levels, because state mandates require certain time-on-learning quotas be met for each student during the academic year.

Additionally, Maki said adjustments to teaching staff levels are made more difficult because educators are now being required to

teach students only within the subjects for which they received their degrees.

### Middle schools

Right now, Maki said middle school principals aren't expecting to be affected by budget cuts next year.

"At first rub, the middle schools haven't really been a part of the cuts," he told parents on April 7. "Things can change."

Any future cuts to middle school budgets would likely come in the elimination of support services like counselors, librarians, secretaries and janitors.

"It's devastating to a school," Maki said of the previous elimination of counselor positions.

To avoid affecting the time-on-learning mandate, Maki said only "small pieces" of teaching positions could be cut.

### Andover High School

Responding to a parent's question, Anderson said the school department could expect an "instant lawsuit" from the parents of an affected student if the schools are un-

able to meet certain state and federal educational mandates.

After eliminating 10 teachers, two aides and two custodians in 2003, Anderson said the school department was able to build back some positions over the next several years.

But that didn't prevent a state Department of Education investigation into the school's 990-hour time-on-learning adherence, which was deemed inadequate because some students had two study halls instead of just one.

"We can't afford to cut teachers because we'll be back in hot water with the DOE," said Anderson.

Because teacher cuts cannot be made, the high school's athletics program and student clubs are vulnerable to elimination if the town manager's recommended school budget is approved at Town Meeting, said Anderson.

Anderson told parents that 850

students participate on 74 high school athletic teams, at a cost of \$954.88 per participant.

The total cost of the program is \$804,000, Anderson said. User fees and other related revenues equal roughly \$300,000, meaning the net cost of the high school athletic program is \$504,000 each year.

An entirely user-funded athletic program would mean \$1,000 user fees per student, Anderson said.

"They all cost," said Anderson of the sports provided at Andover High. "It's not inexpensive to run an athletic program."

The total cost each year of 20 taxpayer-funded student clubs is \$55,000, Anderson said.

In all 500 students participate in 40 extra-curricular clubs, with the cost per participant equalling \$110.

"Clubs aren't expensive," said Anderson. "They're pretty cheap."

## Scholarships available

The Andover Chapter of Dollars for Scholars announces that scholarship applications for the 2007-08 academic year are available. Any Andover resident, including graduating seniors, returning students or adults working toward an undergraduate degree, who has been accepted as a full-time student in a postsecondary program of education is eligible to apply. Applications are available online at [andoverma.gov/residents/adfs.php](http://andoverma.gov/residents/adfs.php) and at the guidance departments at Andover High School, Phillips Academy, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Andover Town Hall and Memorial Hall Library.

Submission of this one application permits candidates to be considered for any of up to 20 awards, ranging in value from \$250 to \$1,500, from more than 10 individual scholarship funds. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 21.

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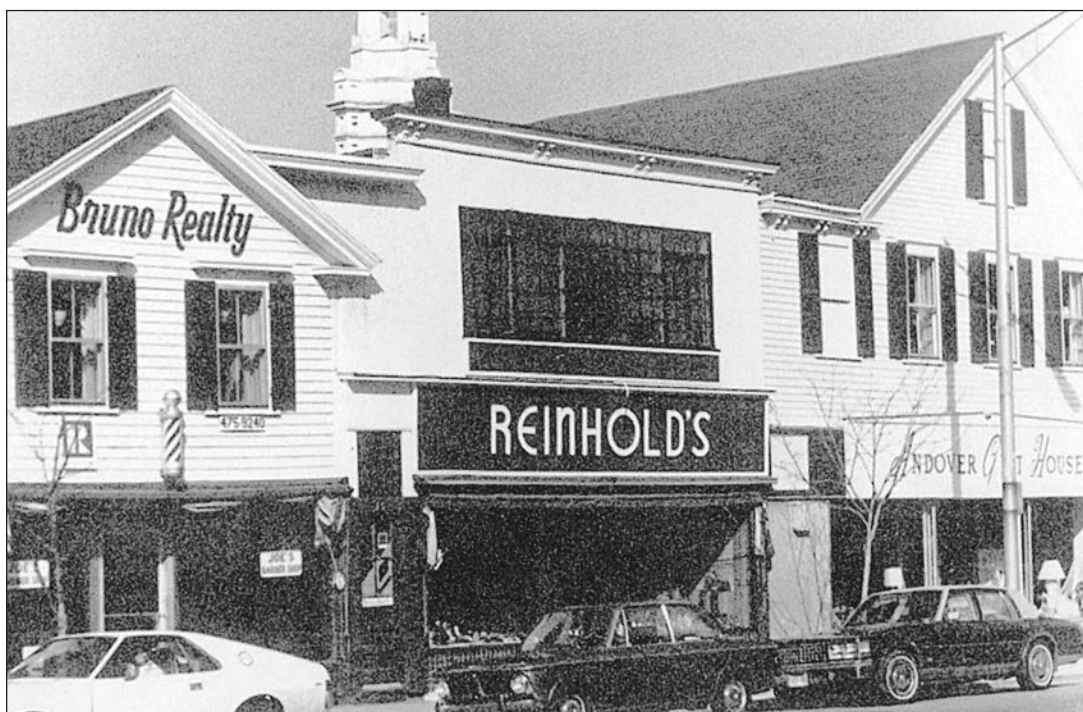
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**NOW:** Main Street with Andover Barber Shop, Native Sun and Strawberry Tree Gift Shop.

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### Back to School Night now April 17

The date for Andover High School's Back to School Night has been changed to April 17. Back to School Night for second semester classes at Andover High School has been rescheduled from tonight to Thursday, April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents may pick up a copy of their student's schedule in the cafeteria the night of the event.

### Preview Town Meeting's juiciest articles

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will host a preview on April 17 of high-profile issues to be voted on at Town Meeting. League members will present the pros and cons of warrant articles, such as the budget articles, the home-business bylaw, the anti-blight bylaw, and the leasing of Old Town Hall. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library and is free to the public. It will be broadcast live on Andover cable television and re-aired periodically until Town Meeting. Call Peggy Kruse at 978-474-0176.

### Mandatory meeting for affordable home

People interested in owning a permanently affordable three-bedroom home at 94 Cheever Circle in Andover—and who did not attend an information session on April 8—must attend an information session this Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. in Memorial Hall Library. Applications will be available at the end of the meeting. The home has been built by Andover Community Trust Inc., which will begin the homeowner-selection process this month. Andover Community Trust says it gives preference to first-time homebuyers, income-eligible households with two to four school-age children, and people who live or work in Andover or have children at Greater Lawrence Technical School. There must be at least one child under 14 years old living in the home. No household will be selected unless its total household income is less than 80 percent (about \$50,000, depending on family size) of the area median income according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development annually.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I WAS LIKE, 'I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M SHAVING Milan Lucic's head!' The Bruins, in my eyes, are my new favorite team. — Andover High junior Wendy Pollock, who is in remission from Hodgkins lymphoma, on being able to shave the professional hockey player's head at a recent event raising money for research. See story, page 4.

WHAT WE DANCE FOR IS TO GET HUNGRY, SO WE CAN EAT. GREEK food is very good, very rich. — Latin teacher John Kosartes who taught students some Greek folk dance steps as part of Andover High's foreign language week. Story in Education, page 12.

SEEING DESPERATE POVERTY MAKES everyone grateful about what we have here... It's hard to describe Haiti unless you go and see it. It's so close to the U.S., an hour from Miami, but it's like a different world. — Dan Dzikowicz, teaching pastor at Free Christian Church, who has led trips to the country. Story in Townspeople, page 9.



### NEWS CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.**  
**Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.**  
**Board of Registrars voter registration, town clerk's office, 5 to 8 p.m.**

#### MONDAY, APRIL 14

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

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

**Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.**  
**School Committee "Stand Day on the Hill," State House, Boston, 9 a.m.**  
**Watershed Advisory Committee, Water Treatment Plant, 397 Lowell St., 7 to 9 p.m.**  
**Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.**

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

**Main Street Committee, Town Of-**

**ices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, noon**  
**Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.**

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

**Triad, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals continued public hearings and deliberations about Northfield Commons and the AHS sign, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.**

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

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

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

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

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# MARS: Woman tackles life on Mars question

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gust at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

"Kids love rockets ... they ask the best questions about them," said Young, who lives in Durham, N.H., but grew up on Linwood Street, where her mother, Marcia Young, still lives.

This was Young's third annual visit to High Plain Elementary. Her mother, a first-grade teacher, retired from the school last year.

Dressed in a denim Phoenix work shirt, the long-haired Suzanne Young told the children about the 15 different pieces of scientific equipment on board the Lander, which was designed to study the history of water on Mars. The Lander will dig up the soil on Mars and test the complex organic molecules in it.

Included among the equipment are boxes called MECA: Microscopy, Electrochemistry and Conductivity Analyzer. MECA is a combination of several scientific instruments including a wet chemistry laboratory, which Dr. Young researched at her Tufts laboratory. By mixing small amounts of soil in water, MECA determines important chemical properties like acidity, saltiness and composition.

"We're looking for the kinds of salt in the dirt scraped up by the Lander. We are looking to see if water was once there, maybe an ocean," Young explained.

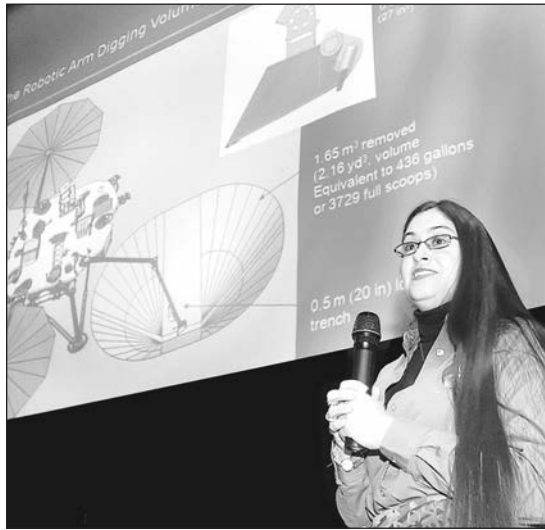
"There are 20 sensors on my equipment looking for salts," she said. "So, that will really help us when we study the dirt."

The landing location planned for the spacecraft, the northern plains of Mars, is unusual. Previous landings on Mars have been closer to the equator.

"It's cold there, like Greenland or Norway or northern Europe," Young told the crowd while adding that her mission-control assignment means she will live in Tucson for the next four months.

A duplicate spacecraft, or "Lander twin," is located at mission control in Tucson and will help the scientists as the robotic Lander scoops the dirt, Young said.

The smart, charismatic scientist, who graduated from St. Augustine School in Andover and Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield, is always well-received at High Plain. Teachers said she may be mis-



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

**NASA scientist Suzanne Young talks to the High Plain Elementary School students about the Phoenix Mars project.**

sion-control material for NASA but she blends in beautifully with typical, everyday kids.

"She is willing to answer every question posed so a student can understand," said first-grade teacher Helen Waller. "We're thrilled when she comes."

Young, who formerly worked as a chemistry professor at the University of New Hampshire, explained that speaking to schoolchildren is important to her. In fact, she frequently attends Sally Ride festivals held around the country. Ride is one of NASA's few female astronauts and festivals named in her honor are science-themed events geared to turn on more girls to science.

Young herself had discovered her love of science by age 10 when she received a subscription to Scientific America. She pledged to get six doctorates. She's now working on a second and has two master's degrees.

"I was always curious, always asking questions," she said of growing up in town. "Figuring things out is still interesting to me."

Only now, NASA listens to her answers.

# MEETING: Kirkland Drive residents looking for action

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Majority Town Meeting approval of their warrant article would call for the enforcement of minimum maintenance and appearance standards for residential properties to keep "trash, garbage, junk, refuse and other noxious materials" from accumulating in Andover yards, according to the proposal.

"Maintenance failed unanimously, so this is anti-blight," said Kirkland Drive resident Alfred Sotera. "I don't want any maintenance code. I don't care if these people never cut their grass again. I just don't want junk in their yards."

The proposal is about a page long, Sotera said, down from the seven to eight pages brought to Town Meeting last year under the Property Maintenance Code, which was nearly identical to a code used in Methuen.

Andover selectmen say they will recommend that Town Meeting not support the anti-blight article.

The new bylaw would address properties that contain infestation, are not maintained, have fire hazards or unsanitary conditions, or that "constitute a menace to the welfare and reasonable comforts" of Andover residents.

The town manager would serve as the bylaw enforcement officer and be charged with accepting, recording and documenting all related complaints, inspecting, investigating violations and issuing and enforcing citations. Selectmen could also appoint any qualified town employee to enforce the bylaw, which would call for \$100-a-day fines to cited property owners who fail to take action after a 30-day period.

Similar bylaws have been enacted in Maynard and Framingham, according to Kirkland Drive resident Cornelius McLarney, who said he and his neighbors believe 27 Kirkland Drive is lowering nearby property values. In August, McLarney said, his neighbor sold a property once listed at \$586,000 for \$471,000.

"She lost about an additional \$76,000 because of that property there," said McLarney, referring to 27 Kirkland Drive. "There's another property for sale now on the street and it's being affected the same way."



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**27 Kirkland Drive is scattered with plastic lawn furniture, dozens of buckets, trash cans, blue vinyl tarps and brown plants. Some neighbors fear their property values are being affected.**

Mark Santangelo, a resident of 27 Kirkland Drive, said he is beginning to clean the property, which is owned by his father, Sam Santangelo, who he said has been forced to live away from the home over the last several months due to illness.

"I've been taking care of that as I can," said Mark Santangelo. "The tarps are being folded up. I want to get either a shed or a (storage) POD and just get them in there. ... Maybe it's not as fast as (neighbors) want it."

Mark Santangelo also said he is in talks with his father and several companies to begin work on the site, which would include removal of several trees in the back yard near electrical wires.

Once the soil dries with warmer weather, Santangelo said he hopes to have a crew begin working on the property.

"I've just been testing it to see when I can have the first people come in," he said. "It's still a little too swampy. I'm hoping in about a week or two we can have some people come in."

After the trees are removed in the backyard, Santangelo said he hopes to dig several permanent garden beds and move the various plants that are now in the

front yard. Nearly half the pots on the property contain perennial plants, he said.

"This kind of got away from me," said Santangelo of the yard. "Gardening is a big part of my life."

Some Kirkland Drive residents remain skeptical any progress will be made.

"I heard that last fall," said McLarney. "That promise has been made now for about 10 consecutive years. Let's hope something develops."

Sotera said that in the past the Santangelo family has been offered a full landscaping crew and turned it down. Boy Scouts looking to perform community service have also been turned down, Sotera said.

"This has been 15 years," said Sotera. "They're not trying. It's only gotten worse."

According to Andover landscaper Matt Strong, an offer still stands for Santangelo to use Strong's crew for a day to help clean up the property. Strong owns Forever Green Lawn & Landscape, and said he would charge Santangelo only the cost of labor.

"He knows there's an open offer to clean the whole yard," said Strong. "I would like to see it happen."

Last year the Property Maintenance Code was disapproved by the Board of Health.

The board did not make a recommendation on the "Anti Blight" bylaw proposal this year, claiming it wasn't an issue related to public health, said Andover Health Director Tom Carbone. Carbone said his department can only take action on properties when there is a suspected threat to the public's health.

"We don't have any reason to take it to court at the moment," said Carbone. "My opinion is that there is no public health threat there at the moment."

McLarney said a fundamental difference between this year's and last year's proposals is that blight has nothing to do with public health concerns.

"We want to get that place cleaned up," said McLarney. "The town should be looking out for our welfare."

"This is not a health issue," said Sotera. "It's a mess."

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# Scouts given flag by troops in Kuwait

There will soon be a treasured American flag from Kuwait displayed at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in West Andover.

Cub Scout Pack 79 meets at the church and the 64 scouts received the retired American flag from Kuwait in a glass case during their recent Blue and Gold ceremony on Sunday, April 6. The boys received the flag in appreciation for sending packages stuffed with candy, letters and photographs to five soldiers the Scouts knew overseas.

The pack sent packages in December and again in February. In addition, the Scouts sent care packages to the soldiers' families here in the states.

Marisa Cain works with the local Cub Scouts and the soldiers and families did not want to publicize the soldiers' names. She said the boys were thrilled to receive the acknowledgement.

"They are very proud to have this retired flag," Cain said.

— Judy Wakefield

# Kids create gift for 100-year-old's birthday

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Andover children have let Wingate nursing home resident Ann Young know her 100th birthday was something special to them.

Young turned 100 on April 9. Because her eyesight has weakened in recent years, a crew of fifth- and sixth-graders from Temple Emanuel's religious school gave her a giant, textured wall hanging. The children decorated the hanging with 100 colorful candles, each signed with a student's name.

"We used special paint, so she can feel all the candles and everyone's name," said Tamra Nutfield, 12, who attends Doherty Middle School, while pointing to her pink candle. "She's such a nice lady and I know she will like this."

"It's special because she can feel it," said Benzie Edelson, 12, who attends Pike School. "We wanted to do this because we really like her. She likes it when we sing to her."

The birthday wall hanging was also decorated with silk flowers, Stars of David, Hebrew letter beads and a birthday crown.

It's all part of a school's connection to local nursing homes. Judaica teacher Sherry Gordon-Shulik of Andover said visiting nursing homes is a great way for the kids to

learn about caring for others.

"We have been going to Wingate for the last four years," she said. "At first, kids see deficits and disabilities, but in a short time they build caring relationships. Ann has always been one of their favorites."

Young's daughter, Deborah Young Wise of North Andover, said her mother talks fondly of the children.

"She lost her sight at 99 but knows they are there and it brightens her day," Young Wise said.

Young was born in Lawrence and is a graduate of Lawrence High School, Class of 1925. Her daughter describes her mother as "a woman's libber" who earned a fine arts degree in 1956 from Boston University. She was always involved with groups promoting education and religion, is a lifetime member of Hadassah and a former religious school teacher at Temple Emanuel. Her family was involved with Temple Emanuel when it was still located in Lawrence.

During her working life, Young ran the Young Drama Workshop in Winthrop. Public speaking is her passion.

"She still corrects me and I have a degree in speech therapy from Emerson," Young Wise said. Young was married for 62

*"Ann has always been one of (the children's) favorites."*

Teacher Sherry Gordon-Shulik

years to Harold Young, who died in 1988. She also has a son, Sheldon Young of Foxboro.

The Temple Emanuel children presented their special gift on Sunday, April 6.

"We want Ann to know she is special. Turning 100 is something not many people get to experience," Gordon-Shulik said. "We wanted to thank her for letting us into her life and heart."



JUDY WAKEFIELD/Staff photo

Temple Emanuel religious education classes made a wall hanging for Ann Young, a resident of Wingate nursing home who turned 100 on April 9.

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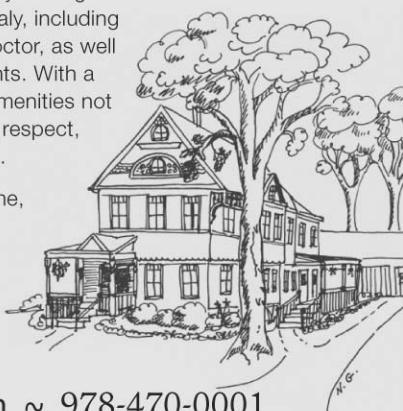


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Thursday, April 3 — At 1:43 p.m., Leslie Berube, 37, of 501 Clay St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged with impeded operation and operating a motor vehicle with

a suspended license.

At 5:23 p.m., Marc Birmingham, 55, of 82 A St., Manchester, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 10:10 p.m., Scott Dyson, 30, of 42 Constitution Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a Class B substance with intent to distribute and possession of a Class E substance.

At 10:25 p.m., Matthew Marlett, 29, of 28 Juniper Road, Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a Class B substance with intent to distribute and possession of a Class E substance.

Friday, April 4 — At 12:16 p.m., Juan Rozon, 20, of 60 Buswell St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and on a warrant for assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

At 4:24 p.m., David Turner, 39, of 40 Long Pond Road, Dracut, was arrested and charged with attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, allowing an uninsured motor vehicle and an unregistered motor vehicle.

Saturday, April 5 — At 1:12 p.m., David Leriche, 37, of 1 Partridge Lane, Pelham, N.H., was arrested and charged with distribution of a Class D substance.

At 7:17 p.m., Patrick Holmender, 34, of 105 Library St., Chelsea, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Sunday, April 6 — At 11:01 a.m., Keith Hartford, 32, of 20 Montgomery St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

At 2:42 p.m., Anthony Benjamin, 17, of 59 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged on a warrant for a parole violation.

Monday, April 7 — At 8:39 p.m.,

Brian Bronson, 47, of 8 Lincoln Drive, Raymond, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for motor vehicle charges.

At 11:26 p.m., David Vickers, 38, of 11 Milton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license while under the influence.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

Sunday, April 6 — At 11:14 a.m., motor vehicle theft was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

Monday, April 7 — At 4:08 p.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Frontage Road.

### THEFTS

Tuesday, April 1 — At 5:25 p.m., the theft of an iPod was reported on Elm Square.

Wednesday, April 2 — At 9:25 a.m., theft of a snow blower was reported on Greenwood Road.

At 7:56 p.m., theft of a cell phone was reported from a locker room at Greater Lawrence Vocational High School on River Road.

Thursday, April 3 — At 1:58 p.m., theft was reported when a resident reported she dropped off jewelry at Constantine Jewelers, which is no longer open.

### BREAKS

Thursday, April 3 — At 5:19 p.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling on Kensington Street was reported sometime within the last week and a half.

### INCIDENTS

Tuesday, April 1 — At 11:22 p.m., cruiser damage was reported on Main Street.

Wednesday, April 2 — At 3:28 p.m., a resident reported a kid was throwing rocks at the school on Shawsheen Road. An officer did not find anyone doing this.

At 5:51 p.m., harassment was reported on Crescent Drive.

Thursday, April 3 — At 9:42 a.m., harassment was reported on High Vale Lane.

Friday, April 4 — At 6:06 p.m., a lost wallet was reported on North Main Street.

Saturday, April 5 — At 8:08 a.m., an envelope and small box containing stamps and various other items was found on the side of Clark Road.

At 1:45 p.m., harassment was reported on High Vale Lane.

At 3:40 p.m., vandalism was reported on Olde Berry Road after a man reported tire tracks on his lawn.

At 7:04 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on Main Street.

Sunday, April 6 — At 4:27 p.m., a noise complaint was received on Stowe Court.

At 9:21 p.m., threats were reported on Michael Way.

Monday, April 7 — At 12:28 p.m., a disturbed person was reported on Chestnut Court.

At 6:22 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Thursday, April 3 — At 1 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on North Main Street.

At 2:30 p.m., a two-car crash with personal injury was reported.

Friday, April 4 — At 3:42 p.m., a hit-and-run accident involving a telephone pole was reported on Lucerne Drive.

At 4:05 p.m., a three-car crash with personal injury was reported on Lowell Street.

Sunday, April 6 — At 12:57 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on North Main Street.

At 4:56 p.m., a hit-and-run accident involving a Cadillac and a fire hydrant was reported on River Road.

— Compiled by Brian Messenger

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## Melmark New England to hold Fenway party for Andover

Melmark New England, a River Road school for children with challenging behavior including autism, will have its 10th anniversary celebration in two weeks at Fenway Park. The fundraising event, with complimentary parking, is Friday, April 25, at the State Street Pavilion at Fenway Park from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

At this event, the school says it "will honor and cel-

brate our achievements with music, food, VIP tours of Fenway Park, a live auction and raffles. There will even be an opportunity to have your picture taken with the 2007 World Series trophy."

Melmark has expanded to its new location in Andover last year and serves 108 children, 37 of whom also attend its 24-hour-a-day residential program.

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# Opinion

## A few weeks to decision day

With the launch of games at Fenway Park — punctuated by an emotional, ceremonial first pitch thrown by former Andover resident Bill Buckner — it feels as if spring is truly here. And that means the beginning of the busy season in Andover. There are dozens of activities for Andover residents to enjoy each week. For families with children, April school vacation week is glimmering around the corner.

On the Wednesday after school vacation, April 30, people will be able to vote at Town Meeting. There is much to discuss to get ready, particularly on the budget, which affects the type of services provided and the amount of property taxes collected from every Andover homeowner. Decisions made this year will affect the town for years to come.

Andover's leaders have not yet come to a consensus on what services it should offer under the tax increases allowed by state law. There should be many developments to report in the days between now and Town Meeting.

There's much to do to solve Andover's fiscal problems and little time — and residents will play the final and deciding role in determining what type of services and taxes they'd like to see. Those who want to participate can circle Wednesday, April 30, on their calendar.

## Sharing your ideas

Andover people deserve places where they can share their thoughts, concerns and dreams about the town. Our Opinion page always has encouraged and been open to a healthy exchange of ideas. Now people have a new way to express themselves and converse publically with others.

The Andover Townsman launched a new feature on its Web site ([www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com)) this week. At the bottom of stories, editorials, columns and letters to the editor, there's a place for readers to post their comments.

Posters can remain anonymous if they choose, although we ask that they provide us with their e-mail address for verification, and that they maintain a civil tone. The anonymity offered by Internet message boards has a place in this age of free-wheeling debate. We hope that this becomes another popular forum for community discussion.

Of course, we also encourage people to continue using our letters pages to share their views with their fellow Andover residents. There's still nothing so powerful as a signed letter to the editor. Who among us would have heard of John Hancock if he didn't have the simple strength to link his name with the ideas he supported?

## WEB QUESTION

### Do you care when Town Meeting is?

Last week's Andover Townsman Web-site question was, **What is your priority for town spending?**

- A plurality, 44.8 percent said, "Maintaining buildings, roads and other infrastructure."
- About 24.1 percent said the schools.
- Nearly 13.8 percent said the Police and Fire departments.
- Approximately 3.5 percent said, "Services for elderly and youth."
- The rest, around 13.8 percent said, "Other."

This week's Andover Townsman Web-site question is, **Town Meeting this year will be on the Wednesday, not Monday, after school vacation week. What do you think?**

- It's better and I'm more likely to go to Town Meeting as a result.
- It doesn't matter, I go to Town Meeting regardless.
- It doesn't matter, I don't go to Town Meeting.
- Monday was a better time.
- What about a Saturday?
- Other.

To vote, head to [www.andovertownsman.com](http://www.andovertownsman.com) and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

## CANOE DEBUT



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover High School junior Dennis Hacker laughs as he and another student are eased into Poms Pond. Sophomore Anna Whalen, left, looks on as Glenn Wilson, assistant director of Andover Youth Services, takes a picture. A group of students from the school were part of a yearlong canoe building program and were trying the handmade boat out for the first time.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Selectmen, Finance must work with schools

Editor, Townsman:

It appears to me that the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee want the Andover schools to face significant budget cuts that will result in the dismantling of vital school programs and the increase of class size at the elementary level. My observations while attending various town meetings have led me to conclude that resentments and personal differences have clouded their judgment to the detriment of the best interests of the town.

They have inserted a Proposition 2½ override article in the Town Meeting warrant that they know will not pass. They know that in order for an override article to pass they would have needed to develop a long-term financing plan and provide Andover citizens an opportunity to understand the current budgetary problems and why an override article is the most viable solution. They know that an override article will not pass without the wholehearted support of Andover citizens who understand the town needs it to not only preserve services but to continue positive growth and transformation.

The town's revenue-based budget for the schools does not cover the school department's current level of services. Yet, the Board of Selectman and Finance Committee refuse to consider use of any "rainy day" funds to at least preserve the current level of services and programs for our children next year.

I believe the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have a responsibility to work with the School Committee to negotiate a budget plan that is fiscally prudent and still preserves the investment in our schools.

Paula Karl  
78 Cheever Circle

### Override talk needed, but not scare tactics

Editor, Townsman:

Once again, our school system appears to be in a financial crisis, with available funding far short of what school leaders feel they need.

The simple fact is that the only solution to an underfunded school budget is an override. For the past several years, we have tried a variety of approaches: holding down increases in other town departments; cutting outlays for building, road and infrastructure repairs and maintenance; and diverting money from reserve funds.

The results? Police, fire, and other town services are understaffed; delayed maintenance will cost the town substantially more in the long run, and reserves have been depleted to a point that the town's bond rating has been downgraded.

Still, all this diversion of funds to the school budget has not solved the problem. Today, available funding for the requested school budget is short by about \$2 million. The schools are in no better position than they were five years ago.

The lesson to be learned is clear: in spite of the best intentions, temporary "fixes" do not help; they make the problem worse each year.

The situation this year is not the kind of one-time "emergency" that rainy day reserves are intended to

cover. The problem is systemic: every year, the school department requests, and sincerely feels it needs, a budget increase that exceeds the increase in available funding.

Only increased revenues, through a Proposition 2½ operating override, can provide the school department with the money it says it must have.

Fortunately, the selectmen have voted to insert a warrant article to provide for an override. Voters now have the opportunity to decide for themselves if they wish to provide the additional revenue that the school department seeks.

Such an override places a direct responsibility on the School Committee and the school administration to make abundantly clear to voters just what approval of an override will provide.

The time for scare tactics should be over. Cutting out high school athletics and eliminating 40 teachers are not foregone conclusions. They are policy decisions for the School Committee, not administrative choices set in stone.

The School Committee needs to let the public know just what a budget within available funds will provide, and what services and programs would be enhanced or added should an override pass.

Only open and frank discussions of this sort will lead to a school system that effectively and efficiently provides for the needs of our students.

Don Robb  
36 York St.

Editor's note: The writer is a former member of both the School Committee and the Finance Committee.

### Does budget participant practice what he preaches?

Editor, Townsman:

John Zipeto has been a prolific participant in the town budget process, making presentations at several meetings and writing three letters to local newspapers. His presentations to the boards have had the general theme of asking all participants to refrain from personal attacks of the positions of others. He commended the board members for many hours of hard work and their commitment.

Thus, it is difficult to recognize the same Zipeto in his recent writings. In a March 11 Eagle-Tribune letter regarding the School Department's use of special education money to fund the teacher contract settlement, Zipeto suggests "deep suspicion and mistrust" is demonstrated by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. Apparently, he senses no such "suspicion and mistrust" on the part of the School Committee. He suggests "it may be prudent for self-identified members to recuse themselves from further review of the school budget." I'm unclear which members he refers to or how they have "self-identified," but it is again apparent School Committee members are not included.

In a March 23 letter to this newspaper, Zipeto indicates the special education money is not a "slush fund," as he apparently believes the selectmen and Finance Committee characterized it by their "publicly expressed shock and dismay." I don't believe either board made such a characterization. At Town Meeting last year, both the selectmen and the School Department asserted there

were no funds in the proposed Fiscal Year 2008 budget for contract settlements. I believe this may have been the source of the surprise by selectmen and the Finance Committee. Zipeto then goes on to characterize a true "Andover slush fund. It is called the Free Cash Account," adding, "it has been financed annually by a systematic over-budgeting of certain town departments." This clearly demonstrates a "suspicion and mistrust" directed at selectmen and the Finance Committee. It might be noted that monies from Free Cash have been used for several years to help bridge the gap between the superintendent's budget and available funds.

Finally, in a March 26 letter, Zipeto states, "for me, there is no budget crisis." His suggestion to solve the "budget shortfalls" is to use the "rainy day funds from the Phillips Academy Fund and from the Stabilization Fund."

When the Stabilization Fund is reduced to \$3 million by this transfer this year, where does Zipeto propose to find the approximately \$4 million projected shortfall that will occur next fiscal year?

Tom Deso  
81 High St.

### Myths and statistics about Andover schools

Editor, Townsman:

There are a couple of myths in Andover, which suggest we spend far more on education than similar towns and that we are top-heavy with administrators.

When discussing these myths, it may be useful to take a look at some facts. This information comes from the Massachusetts Department of Education's Web site.

Does Andover get the "bang for the buck" for our school expenditures? Answer: Each year, the state compiles the total spending for every school district in the state, and expresses these as per-pupil expenditures (PPE). In addition, the state has two measurements of performance: SAT scores and MCAS scores. When comparing Andover to a set of 16 similar towns in the Boston area (includes Lexington, Wellesley, Belmont and others), Andover is seventh in per-pupil expenditures (PPE), eighth in SAT scores, and fifth in MCAS 10th-grade scores. I would consider SATs to be slightly underperforming while MCAS to be significantly overperforming.

How does the Andover School District compare in cost of administration? Answer: Of the 320 Massachusetts school districts, Andover ranks 274th (with 1 being the high-

est) in the percentage of PPE spent on administration. For example, North Andover is 233rd and spends 3 percent of its PPE on administration while Andover spends 2.8 percent. Also, compared to the 62 Massachusetts districts with between 4,000 and 9,000 students (Andover has 6,800 students), Andover is below the middle (33rd out of 62) in expenditure on administration.

These myths are just that: myths.

Bob O'Leary  
7 Stevens Circle

### Leadership on budget is expected

Editor, Townsman:

Town Meeting is fast approaching and I do not feel prepared to vote on the town budget. This is what I think I know:

The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee will include an override so the voters have that option, but neither board seems to support it. They told us last year Andover would need an override this year. They committed to bringing an override that they would support but, for whatever reasons, they have not been able to do this. If town leaders say we need an override, why don't they support it? Town Meeting usually looks to the selectmen and the Finance Committee for guidance when voting on the budget. At this point, there is no clear guidance. I hope this will become clear by April 30, the first night of Town Meeting.

The town can reduce services to lower expenses, increase fees to gain revenue, pass an override, use some of the reserve funds, or some combination of these.

Unfortunately, to bring about some reduction in services, departments may be required to negotiate with employee unions. That is not likely to happen before April 30.

Increasing fees seems like a fair way to increase revenue, yet families with children in school are already paying fees that used to be paid by all residents. Increasing fees for all residents so there is equity translates to raising taxes for all citizens. I'm willing to contribute to the education of Andover children just like so many people contributed to the education of my children. Our children rode the bus for free. Quality schools impact all of us, so everyone has a responsibility to keep our schools as good as they have become.

Using some of the reserve funds makes sense if all three boards commit to finally bringing us a plan we can support that will address our growing expenses, our lack of expanding revenues, and a need to find ways to reduce services that are no longer sustainable.

I expect our investment in quality services in Andover to be protected. And I believe when we're told certain services will be eliminated if the budget cannot be funded that they will be eliminated.

I expect leadership. Yet I'm still waiting for my options to be made clear. I urge the three boards to at least give Town Meeting some guidance, and if you cannot agree, give us two viable options so we can select one.

Tina Girdwood  
15 Tucker Road

Editor's note: The writer is a former School Committee member.

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# Townspeople

## Stakeholders see changes in town of Andover

### Bill Dalton



Bill McCarthy graduated Andover High in 1961. His family has lived in Andover for five generations, and he recently moved to Tamworth, N.H. He says he feels like a stranger when he's in Andover.

"My roots will always be in Andover even though nowadays I feel like a stranger when I walk around Andover center and rarely see anyone that I

know. The only time that I see anyone is at the services on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. All of the farms have vanished. The old neighborhood ways of life have vanished. Andover has lost most of the appeal of the old New England town," he says. "It's too bad this has happened to many towns in New England."

Tina Munger (AHS '70) says, "The changes in Andover over the years are significant; however, the friendly neighborhood atmosphere of a small town still exists. Since 1982, I have lived on Lowell St. where we raised our three sons. Now that our children are grown, a group of about 10 neighbors get together monthly for lunch and occasionally for knitting or

crocheting."

Tina and Bill are answering questions I posed to Andover stakeholders. Those of you who call Andover your hometown or who have an emotional attachment to the town are Andover stakeholders. I asked you intertwined questions about the changes in Andover over the past decades and your opinion about those changes. Here are more bits and pieces from some of your responses. (There will be more next week.)

Judy (West) Stevens, a descendent of John Frye, one of the town's original settlers, says, "Andover is no longer a small town with cows and vegetable gardens. I can't say I like the changes ... Yet, noth-

ing stays the same. I am happy to still live in Andover ... I am so glad that there are still woods to look at, with wild turkeys and deer to feed."

Pat Giblin, who was born and raised in Andover (Punchard High School '56) says that population density and the loss of fields, farms and woods is what she most notices. "Can't say I like the changes but I guess nobody really likes change," she adds.

Ginny (Perry) Reck, says that one of the things she used to love about Andover was its sense of community. She says when she was growing up, "Nearly all moms were stay-at-home moms. Women went door-to-door asking their

neighbors to donate to nonprofits or to vote for candidates or ballot items. As a child, I could call on our neighborhood moms if we needed their help."

Carlene (Darby) Hackett (AHS '82) is a teacher, and her grandfather, Edward Erickson, was a long-time superintendent of schools (1942-1945, 1953-1969). Carlene says, "My grandparents (Edward and Arlene) LOVED being a part of everyday living in Andover and because of that I am raising my family in Andover. It was always the highlight of my week when I would go shopping with my grandfather at the CO-OP, or Saturday morning at

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## Fashionable fundraiser



South Elementary School Principal Eileen Woods takes her turn on the catwalk.

KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photos

The Andover Coalition for Education hosted a "Common Threads" fashion show fundraiser on April 4 at Old Town Hall. Models included School Superintendent Claudia Bach and Andover High School basketball coach Dave Fazio.

Launched almost three years ago, ACE has raised more than \$150,000 for local public schools. This fashion show came just after the group announced hitting its \$55,000 funding target for 2008.



Above: Claire Stahley helps Andover School Superintendent Claudia Bach with her outfit before she goes onstage as a model.



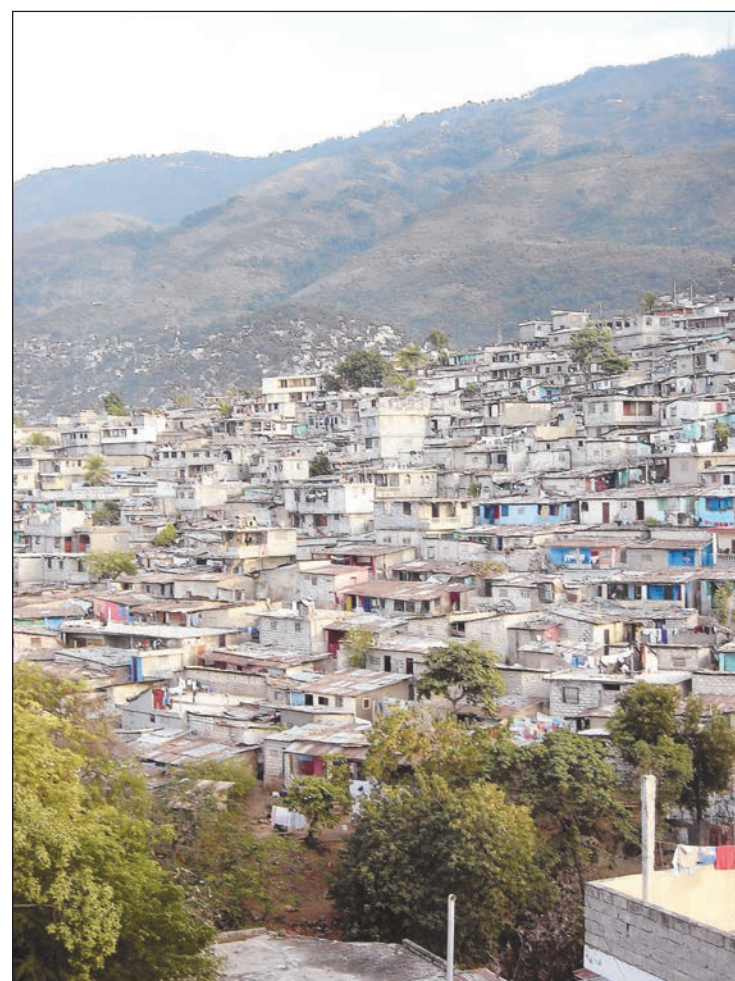
Left: PTO member Cindy Cromer and South Elementary School Principal Eileen Woods look through their outfits.

Below: Andover High School boys basketball coach Dave Fazio models a suit.



*"Seeing desperate poverty makes everyone grateful about what we have here. It's almost incomparable, how much we have in comparison. It makes you reboot your perspective on things."*

Dan Dzikowicz, teaching pastor at Free Christian Church



Courtesy photo

A view of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, taken by members of Andover's Free Christian Church. A group of adults from the church traveled to Haiti recently to volunteer at the Hope for the Children of Haiti orphanage and school.

## Moved by visit to Haiti, churchgoers selling possessions

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

### FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH YARD SALES

In the New Testament of the Bible, Jesus tells his followers not to place importance on worldly possessions, but to "store up your treasure in heaven."

Members of the Free Christian Church are aiming to do just that — by literally selling off possessions. They have planned several yard sales around the area for this Saturday, April 12, with the money raised going to Hope for the Children of Haiti, an organization that runs an orphanage and school in Port-au-Prince.

A group of 10 Free Christian Church members traveled to HFC's orphanage and school in January, and came back inspired not only to become more involved with HFC and return to Haiti, but to live with less, as most Haitians do.

The yard sales, planned at four different homes of members, are a little different from typical yard sales, said Dan Dzikowicz, teaching pastor at Free Christian, who led the Haiti trip. Church members are parting with the usual no-longer-used items sitting around the house, but also looking to sacrifice some things they currently use, knowing that Haitians live without most of the things we take for granted.

"Part of it is selling stuff that (you tell yourself) 'I need,' and in the end discovering that you didn't really need it after all," he said. "Seeing desperate poverty makes everyone grateful about what we have here. It's almost incomparable, how much we have in comparison. It makes you reboot your per-

■ Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. to noon

■ Sales will be held at four locations: 73 Bartlet St., Andover; 141 Autran Ave. (off Massachusetts Avenue), North Andover; 17 Fuller Road, North Andover; 81 Poplar St., Tewksbury

■ For more information, contact the church at 978-373-2221 or visit [www.freechristian.org](http://www.freechristian.org)

■ To see the group's travel diary and photos from their trip to Haiti, visit [www.freechristian.org/haiti](http://www.freechristian.org/haiti)

■ For more information on Hope for the Children of Haiti, visit [www.hfchaiti.org](http://www.hfchaiti.org)

spective on things."

Many Free Christian Church members live in North Andover. The congregation has begun to outgrow its original Andover facility on Elm Street — "a great problem to have," Dzikowicz said. Free Christian plans to open a "satellite" church in North Andover next year.

Haiti is "desperately poor with no end in sight. It's cyclical," said Dzikowicz, who is on the board of directors of HFC. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and schooling is not available to many children, he said.

During their visit, Free Christian Church members painted the orphanage and school, visited with school staff and played with the children. One of the group was a nurse, and gave many of the children checkups; the group had also

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■ SENIOR NOTES

**"Shifting Gears":** Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m.; preregistration required. Andover's Triad team will sponsor this safe driving program presented by the Registry Of Motor Vehicles.

**Nordic Walking Class:** New offering; preregistration necessary. This specialized form of walking has become the fastest growing form of physical activity throughout Europe. Using specially designed poles gives both the upper and lower body an aerobic workout and can result in as much as a 46-percent increase in oxygen consumption and caloric expenditure over regular walking. Complimentary demos will take place at the center on Tuesday, April 15 and Thursday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m.

■ ENGAGEMENT

**Carolyn Hines and Robert Naylor**

Mrs. Elaine Hines of Andover is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Carolyn Hines of Scottsdale, Ariz., to Robert Naylor, also of Scottsdale, Ariz. Miss Hines is the daughter of the late Edward F. Hines Jr. The bride-to-be graduated from Andover High School and from Arizona State University. She received her master's degree in education from the University of Phoenix and is presently an elementary school art teacher. Mr. Naylor is the son of Raymond Naylor of Staten Island, N.Y., and Joyce Naylor of Deefield, Fla. He grew up in New York and works at the Westin Kierland Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz. An October wedding is planned.



■ ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

**10 Years Ago – 1998**

In an election where voters stayed away from the polls in droves, each of the four incumbents on the ballot were returned to office. Incumbent Selectman John Hess and political newcomer Richard Collins topped their respective races for selectman and School Committee in Tuesday's election. But they didn't take anything for granted, standing at the polls as soon as they opened at 8 a.m. Turnout for the election was typically light, at 17 percent.

Weeks of speculation about the future plans of Andover High School Principal Ellen Parker ended this week with word that she will become principal of Methuen High School. Parker

was the winner in a field of 26 candidates.

Snow? Who cares. It's spring, says Gabriella DiVincenzo, 13 months, daughter of Jennifer and Peter DiVincenzo of Carisbrooke Street.

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold, D-Andover, as a member of the legislative tobacco caucus, is urging the Massachusetts Board of Education not to cut the requirement for health education in schools.

"I've been out here for 20 years, and the biggest problem is local elections aren't that important here in Andover." — Democratic Town Committee member Peter McCarthy, on the voter turnout in Tuesday's election.



Courtesy photo

Members of the Free Christian Church in Andover pose with staff of the Hope for the Children of Haiti orphanage in Port-au-Prince. A group of volunteers from Andover recently traveled to Haiti to volunteer at the orphanage and bring them much-needed supplies.

**HAITI: 'Joy of the kids' inspired trip**

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brought much-needed donated medical supplies. Another of the group was an information technology professional who helped work on the school's computer network and had brought 10 donated laptops from his employer.

Hope for the Children of Haiti owns and operates a Christian school and orphanage in Bolosse, an impoverished section of Port-au-Prince. The orphanage cares for 56 children. The Marion Austin Christian School, named for its founder, has close to 200 students,

including the orphans and other neighborhood children.

HFC is headquartered in Woburn and was started by Marion Austin in 1989. Most of the children who live in HFC's orphanage are without one or both parents because of death or abandonment. Other children arrive as the victims of severe neglect due to a variety of family and economic problems — slavery, prostitution and homelessness are rampant in Haiti, Dzikowicz said.

Dzikowicz, who worked as executive director of HFC for one year,

had been to Haiti three times before. It had been "on my heart" to take another trip to the island nation, said Dzikowicz, and things fell in place for a group from Free Christian to take a trip this winter — the first time most in the group had ever been to Haiti.

"Seeing the joy of the kids, despite the poverty," inspired the group to try and make it an annual trip, said Dzikowicz.

"It's in our DNA now," he said. "It's hard to describe Haiti unless you go and see it. It's so close to the U.S., an hour from Miami, but it's like a different world."

**DALTON: Andover stakeholders weigh in**

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the Andover Bank for coffee and donuts. The bad part for me was everyone wanted to talk to him because he was the superintendent, but, trust me, he didn't mind talking shop on his time. He loved his job and we all knew that." When she and family go to Andover parades, "I tell my husband and children how downtown used to look: Scanlon Hardware, Ford's Coffee Shop, The Andover Gift Shoppe, Simeone's Pharmacy, boy, the list could go on and on," she says.

Alan French, a former selectman now on the Conservation Commission, writes about the present and future and says, "Population growth with its accompanying residential and commercial development is the 800-pound gorilla in Andover's tent. Many residents enthuse about Andover's small town atmosphere and acres of open space and trails, but paying to keep the same balance as population and development continues is another matter.

"I'm afraid that green Andover will continue to gray until it ends up like more maturely developed towns closer to Boston. Build-out for those towns hasn't solved their financial budget problems, and economic development in Andover must eventually reach satura-



RICHARD GRABER/Courtesy photo

Downtown Andover's Musgrove building in 1963 as captured by the late photographer Richard Graber. Bill Lane's Town Grill is to the right of the sub shop.

tion, and we'll be broke and gray!"

Two weeks ago, I quoted a reader who said Andover's downtown could be defined as the three Bs: Banking, Bagels and Beauty. Pat Giblin says, "Maybe the downtown would be more interesting if it were the four Bs — Bars, Banks, Bagels and Beauty. Speaking of bars, didn't there used to be a bar on Main Street, maybe in the Musgrove Building?" The answer to Pat's question — yes

— is in the photograph running with this column. You will find the full quotes from the people mentioned in this column at [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com). You will also find a nice little story from Peg Blake. There will be more on this topic next week.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Townsman. If you have comments or stories he can be reached at [billdalton@andovertownie.com](mailto:billdalton@andovertownie.com).

## Heroes are super

**What is a hero?**

The dictionary says a hero is "a person who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a model or ideal."

Another definition is a person "of distinguished courage or ability admired for his brave deeds and noble qualities."

Women can be called heroines or heroes.

**What do heroes look like?**

Heroes can be short or tall, skinny or fat, male or female, and even furry.

**How do heroes act?**

Some people say heroes are born to be heroes. Others say heroes are just in the right or wrong place at just the right time.

The Kid wondered if heroes act like heroes all the time or just when they need to kick into hero gear.

The Kid thinks a hero must have courage. It takes a lot of courage to

tackle things that heroes have to take care of.

How do you think a hero acts? Is the hero in your school the quarterback who threw the winning touchdown pass? Or is it the teacher who took the extra time to help a student who was being bullied by another student? The answer is both.

Is the hero in your community the doctor who helps everyone when they are sick? Or is it the firefighter who runs into a burning building to rescue someone who can't get out on their own? Or, perhaps it is the police officer who solved that latest crime. The answer is easy! The doctor, the firefighter, and the police officer are all heroes.

There is no one thing that makes a person a hero. Heroes are usually just ordinary people that have done extraordinary things.

Real-life heroes usually don't see themselves as heroes. They become heroes when other people tell them they are.

## OUR HEROES

**The Kid's heroes**

During the next few weeks the Kid will spotlight some heroes.

The Kid can't honor all or even most of our heroes. Every community, state, and nation has a long list of their heroes. The Kid will select just a few.

**Newspaper in Education activity**

Search your newspaper for someone you think might qualify as a hero. Discuss with your class why you chose that person.

Clip the article from the newspaper and attach to a plain piece of paper. You will continue to collect articles for the next few weeks as the Kid tells you more about heroes.

*For the Kid in You*

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WEDDINGS

Maura Paone and Michael Polak

Maura Kathleen Paone and Michael John Polak were married Nov. 3, 2007 at Holy Trinity in West Harwich by the Rev. Marek Chmurski. A reception followed at Wequassett Resort and Golf Club in Chatham.

Maura is the daughter of Francis and Kathleen Paone of Andover. She was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was Anne Marie Savage, sister of the bride, of Wakefield. Bridesmaids were Jessica Cotrone of East Boston, Heidi Donahue, niece of the groom, of Westborough, Karen Donahue, sister of the groom, of Westborough and Gabrielle Queenin of Holmdel, N.J.

Michael is the son of John and Vivian Polak of Fall River.

Best man was John J. Polak, brother of the groom, of Fall River. Ushers were Nathaniel Donahue, nephew of the groom, of New York, Gerard Feeney of South Boston, Matthew Nugent of Shrewsbury, Francis Paone III of Hoboken, N.J., and Michael Paone of Andover.

Maura is a graduate of Andover High School and received her B.A. from Providence College. She is the director of human resources at Leerink Swan in Boston.

Michael is a graduate of Portsmouth Abbey School, Portsmouth, R.I. He received his B.S. from Boston College and his J.D. from the University of Maine. He is an attorney at Brennan, Recupero, Cascone, Scungio & McAllister in Providence, R.I.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They reside in Boston.



Anne Marie Paone and Sean Savage

Anne Marie Paone and Sean Patrick Savage were married July 21, 2007 at St. Dominic Chapel, Providence College, Providence, R.I., by the Rev. Richard T. Conway. A reception followed at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence.

Anne is the daughter of Francis and Kathleen Paone of Andover. She was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Maura Paone, sister of the bride, of Andover. Bridesmaids were Kristen Crovo and Erin Donovan of Melrose, Jamie Meeker of North Andover, Mara Power of Grafton, Shannon O'Brien of Bridgewater and Stephanie Banos of Charlestown. Flower girls were Emily Crovo, daughter of Brian and Kristen Crovo, and Kailey Donovan, daughter of Dr. Timothy and Erin Donovan.

Sean is the son of Peter and Jane Savage of Melrose.

Best man was Brandon Savage, brother of the groom, of Melrose. Ushers were Frank Paone III of Hoboken, N.J., Michael Paone of Andover, Robert Sykes of South Boston, Gregory Watkins of California, Michael Finocchi of Quincy and Nicholas Gove of Melrose. Ring bearers were Conor and Liam Crovo, sons of Brian and Kristen Crovo.

Anne is a graduate of Andover High School. She received her B.A. from Providence College and her M.Ed. from Boston College. She is a teacher for the town of Belmont at the Chenery Middle School.

Sean is a graduate of Melrose High School and received his B.S. from Providence College. He works for FactSet Research Systems in Boston.

The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. They reside in Wakefield.



BOOMER VENTURES PROGRAMMING

**Energize with exercise:** Get a great workout without going to the gym through May 1 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Build strength and flexibility with an exercise buffet. No experience required. Cost is \$45.

**Serenity yoga:** Delve into a yoga practice with a series of gentle postures to build strength, balance and flexibility of mind and body through May 1 from 7:30 to

8:30 p.m. Suitable for all levels. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Cost is \$45.

**Boomer bridge:** A beginning basic bridge course covering modern bridge theory and play of the hand through May 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each lesson will combine lecture, discussion and plenty of time for putting new information into real practice. Manual

available at additional cost. Cost is \$150 for all eight weeks.

**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. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$20 for the series.

Kicking off the NOW program

on April 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. is Alex Mezey, life clarity coach, whose specialty is working with people at midlife and beyond who are entering what she terms their "second adulthood."

Mezey is trained in mediation, family systems, and administration of the Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator, used to aid in understanding one's self in relation to others.

Korean War veterans documentary

The Andover Veterans' Office is producing a Korean War docu-

mentary spotlighting local veterans. If you served in Korea from 1950 to 1953 and are interested in being interviewed, contact the Veterans' Office at 978-623-8218.

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# Education

## THE WORLD ON A STRING

### Foreign language week brings food, dance, culture to AHS

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Andover High School students experienced the world last week, and they didn't even leave the school's third-floor language wing.

Language teachers created a week of special activities for AHS language students — from cooking French crepes in class to watching an Iranian film — as part of the school's annual foreign language week.

The foreign language hallway was transformed into the Champs Elysees, the street leading to the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, as students participated in a variety of hands-on culture lessons, from learning sign language and the Russian alphabet, to Greek folk dancing.

Peter Hall, who teaches French and Spanish at AHS, said the week exposes students to unfamiliar cultures, helping to "bring foreign languages to their attention and get them thinking on a more global level." Foreign language week has been a tradition at AHS for about 10 years, he said.

"It's an exposure to cultures, just to get them thinking," agreed Spanish teacher Ellen Gaudiano. "It's a step out of the usual."

Throughout the week, language classes were visited by AHS students, including exchange students, who have lived in or experienced another culture.

"The food was good," said AHS sophomore Jake Gilman, who sampled tres leches (three milk) cake and Spanish cheese puffs made by Spanish-class students.

A lesson on Chinese calligraphy "was really relaxing," said Gilman. And he was surprised to learn that in China, people are judged on how neat their calligraphy is. "They judge somebody's character by their writing," he said.

Mei Lynn, who teaches Mandarin Chinese at AHS, gave Spanish and other language students a beginner lesson on calligraphy and Chinese culture.

Paint brushes used to do calligraphy are held differently than a pencil, and it took students a little while to get used to holding the brush properly, Lynn said. Mixing calligraphy ink from scratch also takes time.

"You have to be patient," she said.

Seniors Renee Hamilton and Lindsay Stanley, fifth-year French students, brought chocolate truffles they made for students to try as part of a lesson in French culture.

The smell of chocolate permeated the classroom as students sampled truffles — from vanilla bean and mint to Oreo cookie and dark chocolate — and voted on their favorite flavors.

Hamilton said she found her truffle recipe on Martha Stewart's Web site. Both seniors said they sampled a good amount of chocolate as they made their recipes.

"You have to take your time, you have to be patient to get it right," said Stanley of melting chocolate to make the treats.

Down the hall, Latin teacher John Kosartes played Greek folk music from a small CD player



BETHANY BRAY/Staff photo

Andover High School Latin teacher John Kosartes teaches some language students Greek folk dancing as part of the annual foreign language week at AHS. Students got a glimpse of other cultures through activities last week, from watching an Iranian film to cooking French crepes in class.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover High School foreign exchange student Mariya Fesak talks about her native country, Russia. She is holding a music box in the shape of a Russian Orthodox cathedral.

and taught students some Greek folk dance steps. As students held hands and did the steps, following each other in a circle, other students looked on and yelled "Opa!"

"What we dance for is to get hungry, so we can eat. Greek food is very good, very rich," said Kosartes afterwards.

Foreign language week is also a chance to draw on "the wealth of experience" in the AHS language department, said Gaudiano.

The department has three teachers who are native speakers of other languages, she said,



BETHANY BRAY/Staff photo

Andover High School sophomores Joe Chartier, left, and Andrew Mack seem to be concentrating on their form during an exercise on Chinese calligraphy, taught by AHS Mandarin teacher Mei Lynn.

and most speak additional languages than what they teach at AHS, have traveled extensively or lived abroad. Gaudiano herself was a Russian major in college; AHS sign language teacher Daniela Ioannides is deaf and has used sign language all her life.

Earlier in the week, students watched the 1997 Iranian film "Children of Heaven" with English subtitles. Most AHS students knew little about Iran before the movie, Gaudiano said, and the film and class discussions afterward made the culture much more real to

them. Students also submitted original designs for foreign language week poster and music contests. The AHS cafeteria served international favorites, including Greek salads and quiche Lorraine.

Foreign language week ended with its annual cabaret, performed by language students for their peers. Entries included student-made Spanish and French language films, Chinese dance and a performance of Mexican music.

### ON CAMPUS

The following local students earned honors for the fall semester at Skidmore College:

**Sarah Goldstein**, Class of 2009. She is the daughter of Robert and Faith Goldstein of Andover.

**Christine Richardson**, Class of 2010. She is the daughter of Scott and Susan Richardson of Andover.

Highest honors are awarded for a quality point ratio of 3.670 or more from a possible 4.0. Honors are awarded for a grade point ratio of 3.4 to 3.669.

Skidmore recognizes academic

excellence in several ways. In addition to making the dean's list (for achieving highest honors or honors), a student may be elected to the Periclean Honor Society or to the Skidmore chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stamatia O. Kostakis and Matthew J. Moschitto were named to the dean's list at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, as a result of their scholastic standings during the first semester of the 2007-08 academic year. To qualify for the dean's list

at Bates, a student must maintain a better than B-plus average for the semester, for a minimum quality point ratio of 3.67.

Kostakis, a senior, is the daughter of Mihail and Helen Kostakis of 9 Fulton Road. An economics and mathematics double major, she is a member of the women's basketball team at Bates. Kostakis is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School.

Moschitto, a first-year student, is the son of Lawrence Moschitto and Linda Sorrenti-Moschitto of 9

Carter Lane. He is a 2007 graduate of Lawrence Academy.

Christine Nigh was named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Nigh is a graduate of Andover High School and is enrolled in the College of Art in the university's Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.

To qualify for the dean's list in the College of Art, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and have full-

time standing with the university.

Jason Edelstein, son of Andover residents Peter and Beth Edelstein, and Michael Berger, son of Andover residents Robert and Judith Berger, were named to the fall dean's list at Ithaca College. To qualify for this academic honor, students must attain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and complete a minimum of 15 credit hours, of which at least 12 are graded. Berger graduated summa cum laude in December.

Matthew William Skinner was named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Skinner is a graduate of Phillips Academy and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences. To qualify for the dean's list in Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

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# Pike School announces winter honors

The following students made the honor roll at Pike School in Andover for the winter 2007-08 term:

Moon, Josh Orlowitz, Juliette Randazza, Guy Ross, Michael Schelzi, Isha Singhal, Daniel Smith

**Zucchini**

**Grade 8**

Adam Arsenault, Lydia Azaret, Rachael Berman, Amanda Brown, Emily Brown, Frank Cieri, Geoffrey Cook, Caroline Cormier, Chris Cowie, Peter Ferrante, Colleen Flynn, John French, Sabrina Galiney, Nick Gates, James Hamilton, Kelsey Hutchinson, Mike Ippolito, Cam Johnst, Tucker Kavanagh, Stephen Lafortune, Nina Mazzarelli, Michael McLane, Sidney Ng, Kiera Parece, James Pramborg, Shane Psinos, Shannon Reilly, Jimmy Rullo, Michael Sara Teplow, George Tourkakakis, Kat Wilkinson

**Grade 7**

Brant Abraham, Ani Bilazarian, Rachel Bolton, Matti Burns, Zoe Campbell, Tim Chaloux, Chris Cortner, Caroline Cuoco, Jessica

Darfoor, Elle Denison, Sarah Dumont, Keiley Glancy, Lydia Godo-Solo, John Grady, Maddie Gray, Ben Grossman, Gabriella Haddad, Alex Hammond, Bridget Healey, Abby Katz, Zachary Lynch, Anna McCabe, Bess Muggia, Sara Nunez, Kelly O'Donnell, Theo Papapetros, Brian Poirier, Logan Poole, Carlos Rotger, Andrew Schwartz, Michael Sciascia, Clarke Shipley, Max Silveira, Sebastian Tsai, Tess Watler, Hanna Whirty, Harry Wood

**Grade 6**

Sara Adam, George Apostle, Nick Bradley, Ally Brown, Caroline Burke, Amy Corman, Teddy Coutracos, Emily Dumont, Benzi Edelson, Seve Elkin, Adam Gerber, Emma Gordon, Peter McGrath, Kristen Murphy, Naomi Nelson, Sean Nork, Kellan Page, Bella Papapetros, Tyler Sauvageau

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 14 to 18:

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**Monday:** Taco bar, turkey on bulky roll with lettuce and tomato, veggie calzone, corn, black bean salad, chilled pineapple tidbits and juice.

**Tuesday:** Crispy chicken burger, steak and cheese sub, cheese quesadilla, red bliss roasted potatoes, sliced apples, chilled fruit and juice.

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, chef salad and pita bread, garden salad, chilled or fresh fruit and juice.

**Thursday:** Popcorn chicken with dips and dinner roll, turkey pot pie with biscuit, macaroni and cheese, hot veggie, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit and juice.

**Friday:** Cheese or pepperoni Papa Gino's pizza, pasta salad, fruit cup and juice.

**Friday:** Chicken parmesan sub with sauce and cheese, stuffed cheese shells with mozzarella, garlic bread, fresh broccoli and cheese sauce, fresh fruit and juice.

**ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL**

**Monday:** Chili in a bread bowl, breakfast buffet with choice of sausage or ham steak served with home fries and chilled fruit, grilled ham and cheese.

**Tuesday:** Italian sub with the works, pasta bar with chicken parmesan, hot veggie, bread, fresh fruit and chicken cutlet.

**Wednesday:** Roast beef club, buffalo chicken basket with french fries, pasta salad, dinner roll, pudding with topping and meatball sub.

**Thursday:** Chicken finger sub with lettuce, tomato and bacon, macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, green beans, chilled melon and sausage with peppers and onions.

**Friday:** Baked haddock with rice pilaf, seasoned carrots, dinner roll and chilled fruit.

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

**Monday:** Hamburger and cheese calzone, cole slaw, pizza pasta salad, fresh fruit and juice.

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti with marinara sauce or sausage sauce, garlic bread, pan pizza, plain or veggie, french fries, garden side salad, pudding with topping and juice.

**Wednesday:** Deli bar, chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, pretzels, french fries, icy juicy and juice.

**Thursday:** Deli sandwich made to order, pizza, plain or veggie, broccoli salad, fresh fruit and juice.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat ice cream and yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

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## ON CAMPUS

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The Trial Advocacy Team representing the Massachusetts School of Law won the recent 2008 Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition for the Northeast region of the National Black Law Students Association.

The Northeast region is comprised of the 33 law schools in New England, New York and northern New Jersey. MSL sent four teams to the regional competition on the campus of Rutgers University in Newark, N.J. In an impressive display of advocacy, all of the MSL teams advanced to the semifinals, making the last round of four an MSL-only event. What's more, for the second year in a row, MSL's team won more awards than any other law school in the Northeast regional mock trial competition.

The teams exhibited mutual respect for each another as they had worked side by side preparing for the trial competition for nearly three months. The finals matched MSL students **Jonas Pierre**, **Andre Cayo**, **Anne Hemingway** and **Alicia Kenney-Montero** representing the government pursuing criminal charges against the defendant represented by fellow MSL students **Ida Candreva**, **Mirlande Joachim**, **David Walker** and **Kim Gillespie**, with

the victory going to the government.

At this year's event, MSL defeated teams from Syracuse University Law School (last year's winner of the Northeast region over MSL's team that came in second last year and advanced to the national finals), St. John's University Law School, Harvard University Law School and other schools from the Northeast. Two of MSL's teams were the top ranked teams after the conclusion of the preliminary rounds of the trials.

**Alison Janis Butler** was named to the dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Butler is a graduate of Andover High School and is enrolled in the College of Architecture in the university's Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts. To

qualify for the dean's list in the College of Architecture, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

**Charlotte R. Bicking** has been named to first honors on the Clark University dean's list. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the fall 2007 semester. Bicking is a member of Clark University's Class of 2011 and attended Andover High School. To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3.

**Zachary D. Broomfield** was named to the Marist College dean's list for the fall 2007 semester. Broomfield is a member of the Class of 2009 and is majoring in history.

### ANDOVER ABC HOST PARENTS NEEDED

A Better Chance Scholars are recruited from under performing high schools to attend Andover High School. Exceptional girl students are recruited for the Andover program. ABC Host Parents would have their host scholar every Wednesday after school until 8:00 p.m. when they would be returned to the ABC House on Main Street. Also one weekend a month their host daughter would spend the weekend from after school on Friday until Sunday or, if a holiday, Monday until 8:00 p.m. There will be a meeting on Saturday April 12 at 3:00 p.m. at 49 Abbot Street to discuss the program with anyone that is interested.

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# Saints Health Monitor

The monthly health update from Saints Medical Center

Volume II Issue 3 April 2008

## Pioneering Knee Surgery Performed at Saints Medical Center

Orthopedic surgeons at Saints Medical Center are pioneering a new minimally invasive option to treat painful arthritis. When total joint replacement of the knee is too extreme and other treatments do not provide adequate relief, this could be the answer for some.

Scott Sigman, MD, an orthopedic surgeon at Saints Medical Center, recently performed one of the country's first patella resurfacing surgeries. This is a promising new treatment for patients with early disease of the patello-femoral joint, the area where the kneecap and the lower thigh bone work together. Normally, the kneecap or patella moves as you bend and extend your leg. When the patella does not move as it should, damage to surrounding cartilage can occur.

"The kneecap is frequently the source of pain and discomfort due to trauma, inflammation, misalignment or arthritis – all common conditions that may lead to a decrease in physical activity levels," said Dr. Sigman. "When pain occurs and the quality of life declines, that's when most people decide it is time to see an orthopedic surgeon."

Dr. Sigman believes replacing the entire joint is not always the best answer to healing a painful knee. "Total joint replacement can sometimes be too much surgery for minimal damage," he observed. "Depending on the degree of cartilage injury, some patients may be candidates for physical therapy, realignment or arthroplasty. When these methods fail to alleviate pain and replacing



the joint is not completely necessary, this less invasive procedure is a good option."

A major benefit of resurfacing surgery is that it can be performed as a "same day" surgical procedure that does not require an overnight hospital stay. Less pain and trauma means faster rehabilitation and a faster recovery time in returning to a normal lifestyle.

Early results for this leading-edge procedure at Saints are extremely encouraging.

For more information about patella resurfacing surgery and other orthopedic services call the Saints Orthopedic Center, at 978-446-2793.



Scott Sigman, MD

## Total Knee Replacement Provides Relief from Chronic Pain



When rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and other degenerative conditions cause significant joint pain and discomfort, a surgical procedure known as total knee replacement (TKR) helps more than 300,000 Americans each year to get moving again.

"When other treatments fail to correct the painful situation, surgery may be the best option," said David Morley, MD, an orthopedic surgeon at Saints Medical Center. "Fortunately, TKR can help put an end to pain and enables the patient to return to a functional and active lifestyle with only a few restrictions."

While there are several surgical techniques associated with TKR, the most typical procedure involves removing the diseased bone and cartilage from the thighbone, shinbone and the kneecap (patella). These surfaces are then replaced with a

metal and plastic implant, which mimics natural knee motion and function.

Dr. Morley explained that candidates for TKR are generally adults over age 55. For younger adults who are physically active and complain about joint problems, the orthopedic specialist may recommend non-surgical treatments such as medications, physical therapy or a partial knee replacement, which replaces fewer components than TKR.

"The best candidates for surgery are healthy adults free from such conditions as restricted blood flow, diabetes or infections," Dr. Morley stressed. "Obesity does not necessarily disqualify the surgical candidate from TKR but it can result in prolonged rehabilitation, as well as increasing the risk of infection."

Following surgery, most patients have some temporary pain in the new joint because the surrounding muscles are weak from inactivity and the tissue needs time to heal.

"Under normal conditions, knee replacement patients are able to walk freely and return to the workplace in six weeks after surgery," added Dr. Morley. When fully recovered at eight weeks, many patients can resume physical activities such as golf and swimming.

For further information about TKR and other Saints orthopedic services call 978-446-2793.

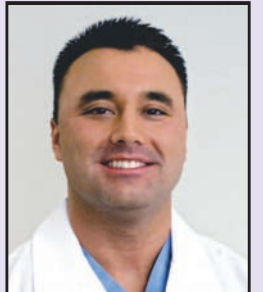


David Morley, Jr., MD

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## Meet Saints New Orthopedic Coordinator

In this issue John McDonald, PA, Saints Orthopedic Coordinator, answers questions about total knee replacement (TKR).



**Q. What is the best advice you can give to someone contemplating TKR?**

**A.** Talk to your orthopedic surgeon about what the procedure can and cannot accomplish. TKR is very successful and most patients experience significant pain relief and greater mobility. It will not give back your youth nor will it allow you to do more than you could before surgery.

**Q. What happens after surgery?**

**A.** Patients receive physical therapy to learn the proper techniques for getting in and out of bed, up and down from a chair, and walking with a walker or crutches. The therapist will review an exercise program designed to increase range of motion and strength. Patients also learn techniques for bathing and dressing after surgery as well as the use of assistance devices.

**Q. What about rehabilitation after discharge?**

**A.** Most patients are discharged directly home. Others may go to a facility that specializes in short-term stay and rehabilitation. In either setting, patients need to follow the exercise instructions given to them by their rehab team. Exercise is a critical component of post-TKR care, particularly during the first few weeks.

## Our Orthopedic Staff

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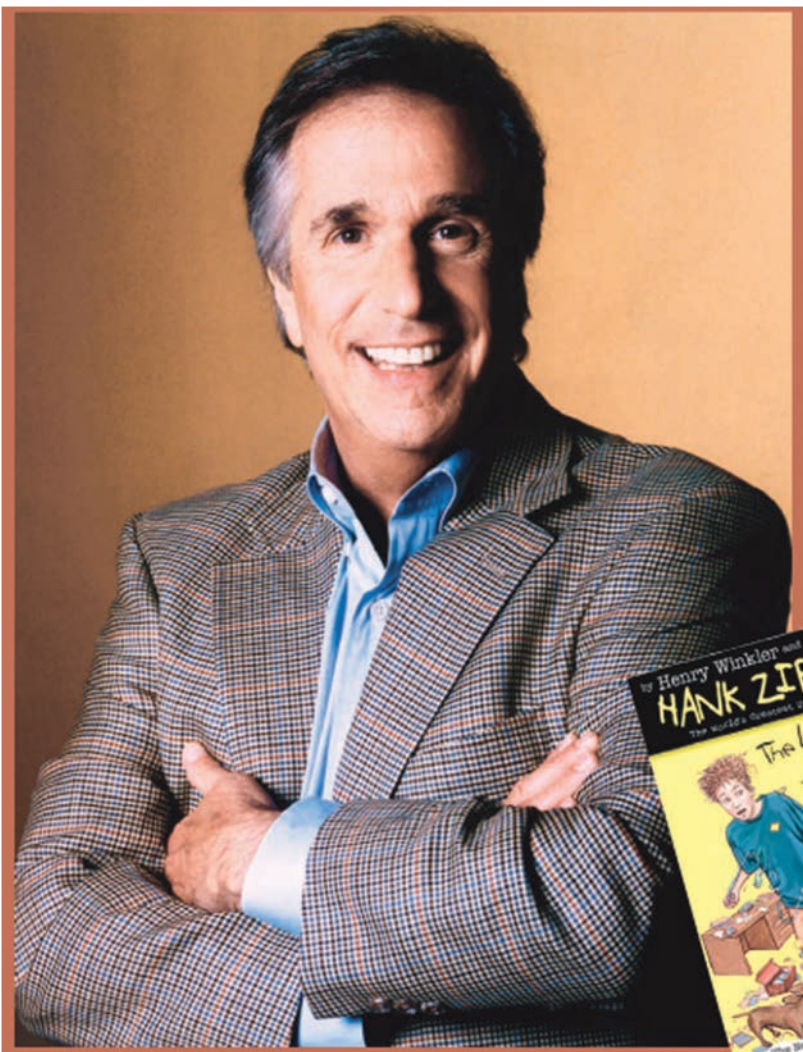
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# Arts & Entertainment

## TV icon Henry Winkler, 'the Fonz,' coming to Andover



Henry Winkler and one of the children's books he co-wrote with Lin Oliver, "Hank Zipzer: The Life of Me." Winkler will visit Andover on Mother's Day, May 11, at 2 p.m. for an author's event organized by the Andover Bookstore.

Courtesy photo

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Aaaaaay! The Fonz is coming! Henry Winkler, the actor perhaps best known for defining cool as Arthur "Fonzie" Fonze on the classic television show "Happy Days," will visit Andover on Mother's Day, May 11, at 2 p.m. for an author's event organized by the Andover Bookstore.

Winkler will be promoting his "Hank Zipzer" children's book series that afternoon with a talk and book signing at Old Town Hall on Main Street.

Besides his turn as the motorcycle-riding, shark-jumping Fonze, Winkler's more famous acting roles include turns as a college football coach in the Adam Sandler movie "The Waterboy," and as the Bluth family's lawyer on the TV series "Arrested Development."

Tickets for his Andover appearance went on sale Monday, April 7, and the bookstore sold close to 50 in the first day. Only 200 tickets will be sold for the event, said John Hugo, manager at the bookstore, due to space constraints at Town Hall.

Tickets for Winkler's visit are \$8, which includes a copy of "The Life of Me," the 14th book in Win-

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kler's children's book series, which will be released that week.

Hank Zipzer, the series hero, is a fourth-grader pegged as "the world's greatest underachiever" and the stories are inspired by Winkler's childhood. Zipzer sometimes struggles with school assignments, especially writing, as did Winkler, who has dyslexia. The books are filled with humor as Zipzer goes through summer school, the school play, having a new baby in the family and other adventures.

Zipzer's — and Winkler's — sense of humor is shown in the book's titles, which include "Barfing in the Backseat," "The Night I Flunked my Field Trip," "I Got a D in Salami," and "The Curtain Went Up, My Pants Fell Down."

In the sixth book in the series, "Holy Enchilada!" Zipzer looks forward to multicultural week, when his class makes recipes from other

cultures — a break from the class assignments and writing with which he has trouble. Zipzer, due to his dyslexia, reads a recipe wrong and uses three cups of hot peppers instead of 1/3 cup. His teacher takes a big bite of the dish, turns bright red, gets angry and keeps the class in from recess.

Zipzer lives in the same building Winkler grew up in, on the West Side of New York City. The neighborhood, schools and even one of Zipzer's teachers are taken from Winkler's childhood.

On Mother's Day, Winkler will speak for approximately 15 minutes about his book series, and will be available for autographs and photos afterward, Hugo said.

The bookstore's staff say the event will be enjoyable both for children who are fans of Winkler's books, and for parents and grandparents who remember Winkler as "the Fonz."

## EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**The On Stagers Dramatic Society** of Merrimack College, presents "Anything Goes" at the Rogers Center, 8 p.m. Students: \$5; seniors/children: \$10; Adults: \$12; 978-837-5355 or www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Graffiti demonstration** with artist Too Rich, 3:30-5 p.m., McQuade Library, Merrimack College. Free and open to the public. Directly following the demo there will be a meet and greet with the artist at the opening reception for his show from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Show runs April 3-30; contact Abbie Hinds-Aldrich at hindsaldrica@merrimack.edu.

**Atria Marland Place** and Angel Home Care will celebrate jazz history month with pianist Ethan Stone, a Berklee College graduate, at 2:30 p.m. at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

**Life coach Alex Mezey** kicks off New Opportunities for Women three-week series, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, Andover. Will work with participants to explore critical questions that can help boomer women in transition gain new perspective on next steps in their life. \$20 for the series, 978-623-8321.

**Masconomet Regional Middle School** musical and drama department presents "Music Man Jr." at 7:30 p.m. in the Henry F. Long Auditorium, located in the Middle School at Masconomet Regional School District, 20 Endicott Road, Topsfield. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale in the box office before the show.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

**Hallmark Health Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice spring fundraisers**, 6:30 p.m., Anthony's of Malden, \$25 per person; Janet Perault, 781-338-7902.

**"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,"** presented by the Mystic Players of Medford, including Alex Hauk of Andover, The McGlynn School, Medford, 8 p.m., \$15.

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**Dinner and auction**, the Service Club of Andover, Andover Country Club. Supports the Club's major event, The Special Field Games, held each spring for special needs athletes, 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.; contact Joanne Heim at bjheim@comcast.net, 978 975-1193 or www.serviceclubofandover.org.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

**Animal rights symposium**, full slate of topical animal issues presented by animal rights experts, combined with animal tricks and demonstrations. Sponsored by the Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St., Andover, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., free, open to the public; 978-681-0800.

**Healthy Kids Day celebration**, family fun and fitness, free, public invited, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, 978-725-6681.

**New England String Ensemble's** 14th concert season with a journey through the Nordic Landscape, featuring Icelandic violinist Judith Ingolfsson, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy; tickets are on sale now through New England String Ensemble's Web site at www.newenglandstringensemble.org

and the NESE box office at 781-224-1117.

**The North Shore Music Theater's** Youth Performance Academy presents "A Year With Frog and Toad" at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., North Shore Music Theatre main stage. The cast includes Andover resident Katie LeMark. Tickets for both shows are \$15 and \$10. For tickets, call 978-232-7200 or visit www.nsmat.org.

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**AVIS work party**, Taft Reservation, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at Coventry Lane. Six people needed, led by Andy Girdwood, 978-475-5253.

**Great Marsh symposium**, about the history of the Plum Island Airport, striped bass research, photography of the Great Marsh, archaeology, seasons on a salt marsh farm, ecological mysteries and much more. \$12. Preregistration is required; contact Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats Education Center at 978-462-9998, or download the registration form at www.greatmarsh.org.

**Live music:** Tabasco Fiasco, Crossroads Coffeehouse, second floor of Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Doors open at 7:15 p.m., concert starts at 8 p.m., \$15; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org, 978-687-3960.

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**Open house**, Montserrat College, the Hardie Building, 23 Essex St., Beverly, 1 to 5 p.m., with reception and award announcements at 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

**"How We Celebrate and Cook" Pesach class**, hosted by Congregation Beth Israel in Andover, 5:30 p.m. Focus on Passover foods, and explores how Jews around the world express devotion to religion and family in the foods they prepare. Materials fee \$15. 501 S. Main St., Andover; 978-474-0540 for reservations.

**Essex Chamber Music Players** will perform an eclectic mix of music from the classics of Haydn to Russian and Argentine-influenced pieces to politically motivated works, 2:30 p.m. Admission \$10, students \$5, Northern Essex Community College Technology Center, Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; 978-470-1584.

**Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra** Honors Chamber Ensembles Concert will perform at 2 p.m. at the Fire-house Center for the Arts, One Market Square, Newburyport.

**Live classical music** with composer pianist Drew Maletz and cellist Marina Warsaw-Fan, 3 p.m., Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, free; 978-475-6987.

**Wine tasting, art and jewelry show**, 2-6 p.m., Margot's Gallery, 52 Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-373-0200.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

**Drumming circle** with Jane Gossard of Andover, 7 to 9 p.m., Rolling Ridge Conference Center, North Andover, no previous experience needed; \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door.

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## Laws of (animal) attraction



Courtesy photo

Diane Sullivan, a professor at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, with her two dogs Winnie, left, and Whitey. Sullivan is a fervent animal-rights activist and directs the school's animal-law program. Sullivan recently put together a book, "Please, Can we Keep the Donkey? A Collection of Animal Rescue Stories." The book will be released on April 12, coinciding with an animal-rights symposium at the school.

## Andover law school devotes book, day to animals

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Given the number of jokes about heartless lawyers that exist, the first thing that comes to most people's minds when they think of lawyers isn't usually compassion. But in a new book to be released by the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, compassion and kindness are quite apparent.

"Please, Can We Keep the Donkey? A Collection of Animal Stories" offers first-hand animal rescue and adoption stories written by students and staff at the school. It will be released April 12, the day of an animal-rights symposium at Massachusetts School of Law. Each of the 49 essays tells of how a law school student or staff member helped or adopted a neglected, injured or homeless animal — cats, dogs, rabbits, boa constrictors and more — and how the animal, in turn, brightened the life of its rescuer.

The book's foreword is written by Betty White, animal activist and actress known for television roles such as Rose on "The Golden Girls."

Diane Sullivan and Holly Vietzke, law professors at the school, served as the book's editors, collecting essays from students and co-workers. Sullivan said they

were overwhelmed by the amazing stories shared in the book, many from people who don't consider themselves to be an "animal person."

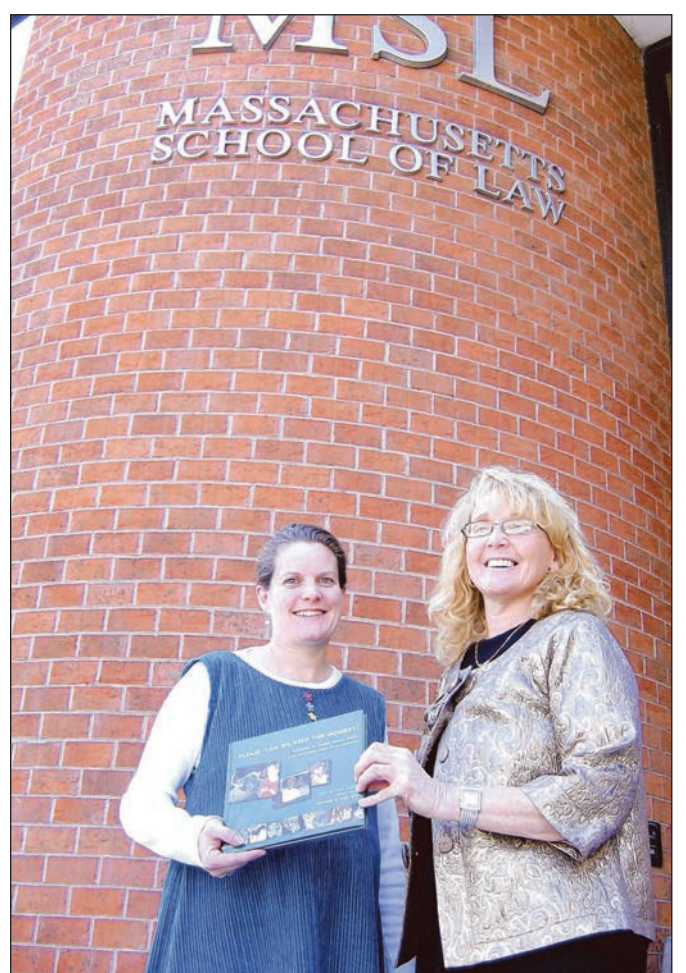
"I can't tell you how excited and positive people have been. They're ecstatic," Sullivan said of the few advanced copies of the book that have been circulating at the school. "Even nonanimal people have nothing but glowing comments."

Sullivan, a North Andover resident, penned two essays in the collection, telling the story of how she and her two dogs, Whitey and Winnie, found each other at animal rescue shelters.

All proceeds from sales of "Please, Can We Keep the Donkey?" will go to the Shadow Fund, which helps local financially strapped residents pay for veterinary treatment for their pets.

Sullivan was instrumental in starting the fund three years ago, which initially was for Shadow, a 5-year-old yellow lab rescued by Lawrence resident Robert Burke, a Vietnam veteran unable to pay for a surgery Shadow needed. Sullivan and her animal-law classes collected donations over and above what was needed to cover Shadow's surgery, and the surplus started

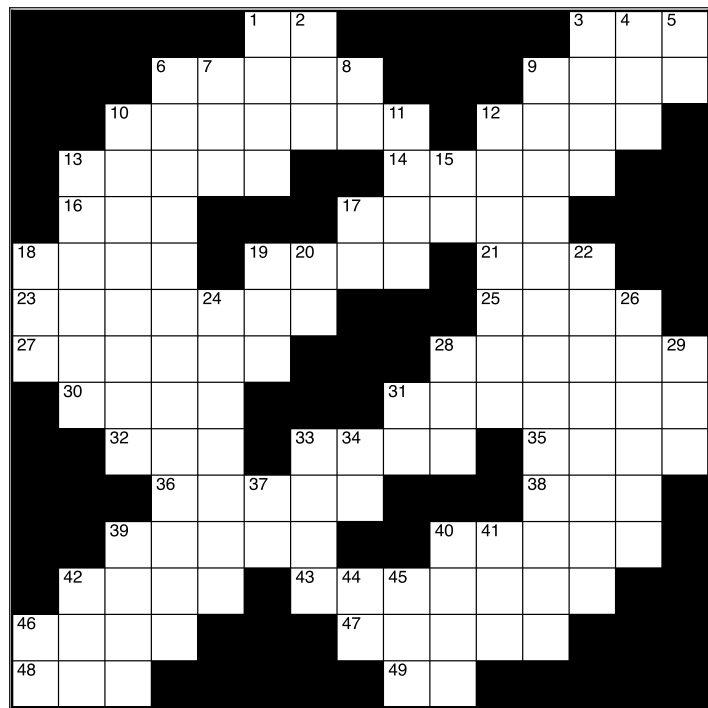
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BETHANY BRAY/Staff photo

Holly Vietzke, left, and Diane Sullivan, professors at Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, hold a copy of the book they edited, "Please, Can We Keep the Donkey? A Collection of Animal Rescue Stories."

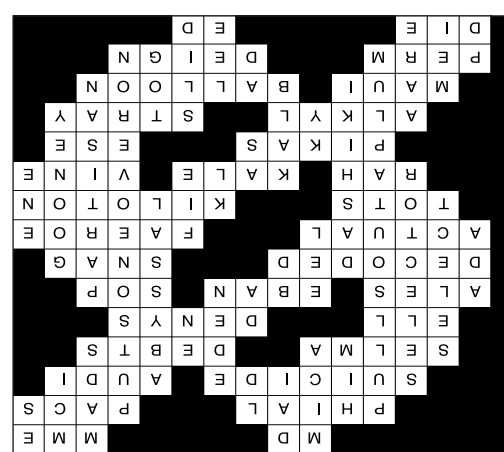
# Crossword puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Physician
  - Woman (French)
  - Small drug bottle
  - Political action committees
  - Killing yourself
  - German car
  - Alabama civil rights city
  - Liabilities
  - Rt. angle building wing
  - \_\_\_ Arcand: Canadian director
  - Brews
  - Israeli politician Abba
  - Solid food for dipping
  - Deciphered
  - Get by acting quickly
  - Existing in reality
  - N. Atlantic Danish islands
  - Toy drive recipients
  - Avordupois unit
  - Exclamation of approval
  - Coarse curly-leaved greens
  - A twining plant
  - Lagomorphs
  - Point midway between E and SE
  - Ethyl
  - Homeless cat
  - 2nd largest Hawaiian island
  - Hot air or birthday
  - Hair treatment for curls
  - Condescend
  - Cease living
  - \_\_\_, denotes past

- CLUES DOWN**
- Isinglass
  - \_\_\_kon: Japanese radish
  - Makes angry
  - Kansas City airport code
  - Spanish be
  - What Little Jack does
  - Of he
  - Libyan dinar
  - Hoodwinks
  - Chooser
  - Any place of bliss or delight
  - Relating to ocean depths
  - Choose
  - Spanish for "in"
  - State prosecutor (abbr.)
  - National DDS group
  - Snakelike fish
  - Bachelor's degree in religion
  - Devoted to a cause
  - African shirt
  - Black-footed albatross
  - Expresses distaste, disapproval
  - Point midway between NE and E
  - \_\_\_ M: Royal Dutch Airlines
  - Marvin \_\_\_, journalist
  - Equally
  - Blue grass state
  - Swiss river
  - Slithered
  - Casual apparel
  - Japanese apricot tree
  - In the year of Our Lord
  - Civil War General
  - Palladium

**Solution**



# ANIMAL: Day devoted to launch of professors' book

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the Shadow Fund. In "Please, Can We Keep the Donkey?" law students and professors write of stopping to help a cat hit by a swerving car, taking an injured stray to an all-night veterinary hospital, adopting a dog from a neighbor who would "forget" to give the pooch food or water, and taking home a donkey from a going-out-of-business petting zoo.

The donkey, who is referenced in the book's title, was named Chester Harrington, and came home to live in its new family's barn, ousting the author's father's 1967 Chevy Corvette.

"My brother and I decided that it would be much easier to keep a donkey in the barn as opposed to a Corvette, and besides, the donkey seemed more fun to us. After my begging, pleading, crying and a temper tantrum of still unconfirmed proportions, my father uttered the now-famous family words, 'We'll take him,'" wrote Lance Harrington, a law-school student.

Another essay tells of adopting Jake, a full-size poodle, from a rescue shelter. As Troy Daniels, the author, walked out of the shelter

## "PLEASE, CAN WE KEEP THE DONKEY?" BOOK SIGNING

**When:** Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., Andover  
**Who:** Editors Diane Sullivan and Holly Vietzke will sign copies and talk about the book.  
 For information, call the store at 978-475-0143.

with Jake, a woman in the lobby scolded her child not to pet the "ugly dog." Now, with plenty of love and care, Jake is a happy, healthy dog and Daniels says he gets compliments on how beautiful his pet is.

Sullivan, a fervent animal-rights activist, assigned the essays to one of her animal-law classes after a class visit by retired Marine Lt. Col. Jay Kopelman, who wrote a book about a puppy he rescued in Iraq.

After reading the essays, some of which brought her to tears, Sullivan approached Vietzke, who teaches animal-law classes at the school with Sullivan.

## ANIMAL RIGHTS DAY AND BOOK RELEASE EVENT

**When:** Saturday, April 12, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Where:** Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St., Andover  
 Admission is free; lunch is included.  
 For a complete schedule of events, directions or more information, visit [www.mslaw.edu](http://www.mslaw.edu) or call 978-681-0800.

### Highlights of the day include:

- Children and family events include agility demonstrations, animal craft, demonstrations by "working" dogs in today's society (therapy pets, canine teams and police dogs), pet etiquette, pet tricks and the school's Humane-itarian award.
- Adult sessions include investigating and prosecuting animal cruelty, a talk by Officer Martha Parkhurst of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, discussions on animals as property, case review of a claim for negligent infliction of emotional distress damages, pending legislation for trust for care of animals, no-kill shelters, case review of saving a dog's life, the practice of animal law and other animal-rights issues.

"Diane came in and said, 'I think we have something here.' I read the essays and I knew they were terrific," Vietzke said.

From there, the two professors asked for essays from the entire campus, both students and staff. They edited, collected photos, compiled 49 of the essays and started contacting publishers.

"I'm sure some people here thought we were crazy," Vietzke said of the unexpected combination of animal rescues and lawyers.

The book's target audience is animal lovers of all ages, and they hope that "somebody that picks the book up might think of checking out an animal shelter instead of a breeder," said Vietzke. "We'd like it to be known that there are so many animals out there in need of a good home, and that an animal changes your life for the better."

Copies of "Please, Can We Keep the Donkey?" can be purchased through the school's Web site, [www.mslaw.edu](http://www.mslaw.edu), or by calling 978-681-0800.

## Concert at West Parish cemetery chapel Sunday

There will be a free concert in the chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery on April 13 at 3 p.m.

The program of spiritual music interpreted and presented in the jazz mode will be non-denominational. All are welcome.

According to organizer Lynne Capozzi, "Due to its near perfect acoustics, the chapel has become a favorite site for chamber music con-

certs, but this will be the first time a spiritual jazz concert will be performed there."

No registration is necessary.

## Organ-ize your lunch

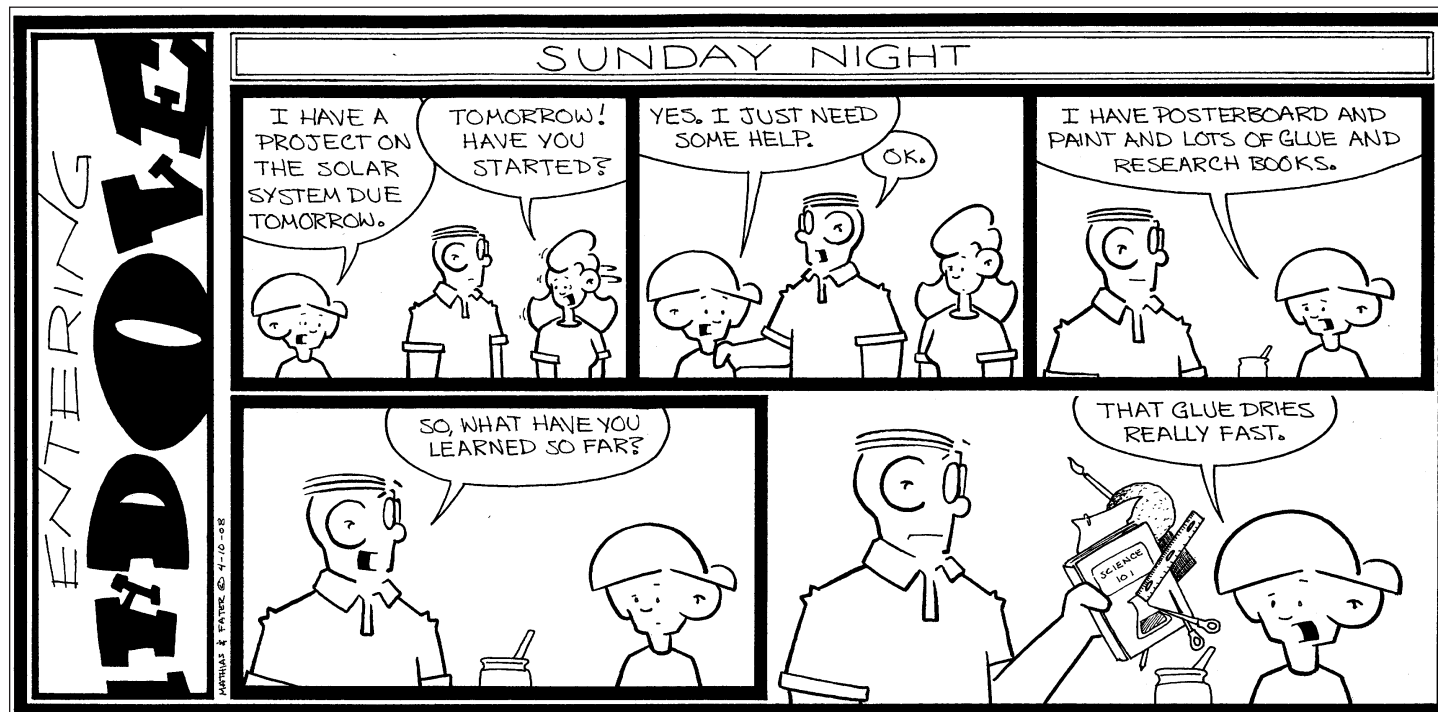
Brown-bagging one's lunch could provide some musical dividends.

Starting yesterday afternoon, April 9, at lunchtime, the Phillips Academy music department's "ORGANize Your Lunch!" series steps off. And brown bags are welcome.

Four free half-hour organ concerts are planned each Wednesday at 1:15 p.m. for the month of April on Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30 in Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy.

Faculty emerita Carolyn Skelton and her husband, John, music director at Maple Street Congregational Church, Danvers, started the series yesterday, Wednesday, April 9; Peter Stoltzfus Berton will perform April 16; George Davey on April 23; and PA organ students on April 30. For more, call 978-749-4263.

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## Harry Kasparian, 85



**HAVERTHILL** — Harry Kasparian, 85 of Bradford, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover, following a long battle with cancer.

Son of the late Leona (Vosgerichian) and Mihran H. Kasparian, he was born on July 20, 1922 in Chelsea, and educated in the public schools of Chelsea, Biddeford, Maine and Haverhill, where he was a member of the Haverhill High School, Class of 1940.

In 1944, he graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and later furthered his education in accounting at Merrimack College.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 in the American theater stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.

While at Northeastern University, he began his long association

with the American automotive industry as a co-op student at the Bailey Company in Amesbury. There he became the company's chief of engineering and plant manager, responsible for the development and manufacturing of many key components for General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler automobiles during the 1950s, 60s and early 70s. Following acquisition of the Bailey Company by USM Corporation in the 1970's, he was plant manager for many years with the Standard Sash and Door Co. of Derry, N.H.

Mr. Kasparian was a devoted parishioner and parish council member of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church of Haverhill, of which his father was a founding member in 1941. He was a member of the Merrimack Lodge F. & A.M. in Haverhill and for 40 years, a member of the Knights of Vartan, Arakadz Lodge of the Merrimack Valley. An avid golfer at Haverhill Country Club for 44 years, he was active in the club as a Faquaree and served as treasurer and on the Board of Governors from

1993 to 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Beulah (Parvanian) Kasparian; sons, Harry Kasparian of Andover and Lance Kasparian of Salem, Mass.; daughter, Lynne Kasparian Unger of Andover; and grandchildren, Melissa, Amy, Michael and Julia Kasparian. He was predeceased by his younger brother, John Kasparian.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended the funeral on Wednesday, April 9, at 10 from the H.L. Farmer & Sons Bradford Funeral Home, 210 South Main St., Bradford, followed by a funeral service at 11 at St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church, Main Street, Haverhill. Burial will follow in the Linwood Cemetery, Haverhill. Calling hours at the Bradford funeral home were Tuesday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Armenian Church at Hye Pointe, P.O. Box 8069, Bradford, MA 01835 or the American Cancer Society, 9 Riverside Road, Weston, MA 02493, www.cancer.org. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.**

## Edmund F. Dowd Jr., 71



**HAMPSTEAD, N.H.** — Mr. Edmund Francis Dowd Jr., 71, of Hampstead, N.H., passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, April 1, 2008, after a lengthy illness at The Oxford in Haverhill.

He was born in Worcester, on Aug. 14, 1936, son of the late Edmund F. and Margaret F. (Bradshaw) Dowd. He graduated from the E.F. Searles High School in Methuen, Class of 1953, the Univ. of Mass — Amherst, Class of 1957, receiving his B.S. in Engineering, and Univ. of NH, Class of 1965, receiving his master's degree in Electronics Engineering.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from Aug. 1958 to Dec. 1961 as First Lieutenant and later from December 1967 to November 1974, attaining the rank of Major. Mr. Dowd was employed for over 28 years as an engineer and operations manager at the former Lu-

cent Technologies in North Andover, retiring in 1989.

Ed was the former coach of the Wahoo Swim Team at the Greater Lawrence YMCA. He and his wife and their dog traveled extensively on road trips throughout northern continental U.S., Alaska, and Canada. From 1992 through 1999, they served as foster parents to abandoned, injured, and abused dogs and puppies for Hampstead Animal Control, the MSPCA in Methuen, and the Salem Animal Rescue League in Salem, N.H., providing care for over 150 animals in their home until the dogs were able to be adopted.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years Judith A. (Bednez) Dowd, children from his former marriage to Carol A. (Simard) Dowd — Boileau of Andover, Colleen and her husband Joseph Brandon of Weston, Conn., Sean Dowd and his wife Nancy of Morrisville, N.C., and Tracy and her husband Matthew Phillips of Exeter, N.H., grandchildren, Sarah, Patrick, Caitlin, McKenzie, Ryan,

Kyle, Jason and Brendan, brother Vincent J. Dowd and his wife Sally of Atkinson, N.H., brother-in-law George Saalfrank of Andover, several nieces and nephews, as well as his German Shepherd Lucas. He was also the brother of the late Patricia A. Saalfrank.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended the funeral on Monday, April 7, at 9:30 a.m. from the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Luke the Evangelist Church, Plaistow. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Arrangements are by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Haverhill and Bradford. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Town of Hampstead Animal Control Emergency Medical Fund, c/o Edgefield Animal Hospital, 269 Stage Road, Hampstead, NH 03841. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.**

## Jessie L. Deas, 92

**METHUEN** — Jessie L. Deas, 92, died Monday, April 7, 2008 at the Sunbridge C&R in Methuen.

She was born June 26, 1915, daughter of Robert and Thenia (McIlwain) Deas. Jessie was a graduate of the Edward F. Searles High School in Methuen and was an avid sports fan.

Miss Deas had been employed as a technician with the Raytheon Co. of Andover for more than 20 years.

A lifelong resident of Methuen, Jessie is survived by her nephew Eugene B. Smith, with whom she made her home, and several other nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will take place on Thursday at 10 a.m. from the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Friends may call on Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Please send online condolences to pollardfuneralhome.com.**

## EVENTS

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### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

**Annual Merrimack College Passover Model Seder**, with Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel of Andover, chairman of the Executive Board of Directors for the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College, 2:30 p.m., Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, RSVP to the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College at 978-837-5428, or e-mail aldebran.longabaughburg@merrimack.edu.

**Video Screening and Award Night**, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m., free. A showing of short movies created by library users to celebrate why they "love, like, care about, appreciate, need, and/or value the library." Prizes will be awarded to the best video by a: child/children, teen(s), adult(s), senior citizen(s), and group/family; 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or www.mhl.org.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

**Professional wheelchair basketball game**, Hoops on Wheels, 7 to 9 p.m., Merrimack College, sponsored by Academic Support Services at Merrimack, free with a non-perishable food or cash donation; 978-837-5000.

**Organ lunch concert series**, "ORGANize your Lunch!," 1:15 p.m., free and open to the public, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a half-hour of music from the academy's pipe organ; 978-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

**Back to School Night** for second semester classes at Andover High School, Shawshen Road, 7 to 9 p.m. Parents may pick up a copy of their student's schedule in the cafeteria the night of the event.

**Pentucket Players Inc.** present the musical "South Pacific" at 8 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Tickets are \$20 each, group rates available. For tickets or more

information, call 978-521-9259 or visit www.pentucketplayers.org.

**Dr. Les Norford**, Professor of Building Technology at M.I.T., will give a presentation on "Buildings and Climate Change: Can Building Energy Use Go to Zero?" at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 18

**Atria Marland Place and Angel Home Care** will host West Middle School's sample of their spring production of "My Fair Lady" at 11:15 a.m. at 15 Stevens St., Andover.

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**"What's It Worth?" antiques appraisal event** benefit for Andover Historical Society with Skinner appraiser and Antiques Roadshow regular Stuart Whitehurst, 7 to 9:30 p.m., St. Augustine's Parish Hall at 43 Essex St., Andover. (This is a new date for the event which was originally scheduled for Friday, Feb. 22, but canceled due to snow.)

**"The Four of Us,"** by Itamar Moses, opens at Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell, through May 11; 978-654-7596, friedrich@merrimackrep.org.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**NVMOM Spring sale** will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Central Congregational Church, 1 Worthen St., Chelmsford. There will be gently used children's equipment, toys, clothes and books on sale, plus maternity clothes and more. This event is sponsored by the Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, a nonprofit organization. This is a cash only sale. Admission is \$1, children under 14 are free. For more information, call 978-376-2939 or e-mail nvmom\_info@big-foot.com.

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more information, call 978-521-9259 or visit www.pentucketplayers.org.

**AVIS work party, Deer Jump Reservation**, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the end of Raven's Bluff off River Road, take the trail to the left, upstream, to the two-acre field high up on the bluff. Cutting back limbs and brush that are growing in to the field. Led by Mike Timko. For more information, call 978-681-0424.

**Ham and bean supper**, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Adults, \$8; children 12 and under, \$4. Real spiral ham with home-cooked beans, dessert and drinks included. For more information, call 978-475-3528.

**Artist reception**, sponsored by the Tewksbury Community of Artists, 230 to 4 p.m., Tewksbury Public Library; contact Elaine at 978-658-4981 or visit www.tewksbury.info/tca/.

**Community Seder** for the whole family, 8:30 p.m. at the Hebrew School, 10 Marwood Drive, Andover. Adults, \$40; children, \$18. RSVP to info@chabadmv.com.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

**Second Night Community Passover Seder**, 6:45 p.m., Congregation Beth Israel in Andover. Rabbi Daniel Schwebel will lead the Seder for all ages, catered dinner, \$40 adults, \$22 children under 12, 501 S. Main St., Andover. Reservations by April 11 at office@bethisraelMV.org or 978-474-0540.

**Community Seder** for the whole family, 8:30 p.m. at the Hebrew School, 10 Marwood Drive, Andover. Adults, \$40; children, \$18. RSVP to info@chabadmv.com.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

**Organ lunch concert series**, "ORGANize your Lunch!," 1:15 p.m., free and open to the public, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a half-hour of music from the academy's pipe organ; 978-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

**Spring Book Sale** preview night, Memorial Hall Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$20 per person. Book sale continues through April 27 during regular library hours; 978-623-8401, ext. 49, or www.mhl.org.



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# Sports

## SOFTBALL



File photo

Andover's Nina Yu lays down a bunt last season against Haverhill. The senior has successfully made the move to catcher after playing the outfield last season.

## Yu catching on to new position

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Andover's Nina Yu has found herself hobbled recently. "I've been having a lot of problems with my knees," said the senior. "I've been in physical therapy to strengthen my quads. I've worked through it and now it's mainly just discomfort."

Thus is the curse of her chosen position. After spending

last season as an outfielder, the decision was made that Yu would move to catcher this season, replacing varsity stalwart Becky Cairns. "She's been very good so far," said Golden Warriors coach Stephanie Ragucci. "A good catcher is just as important as a good pitcher. If you have a good pitcher, but the catcher can't handle the ball, then you are going to have a lot of passed balls."

While this is her first year

catching at the varsity level, the position is not entirely new to Yu. She caught as a youngster and at the JV level. In preparation for this season, she also switched between outfield and catcher with her summer league team, the Mass. Destruction. But it is a new game at the varsity level.

"It gets really exhausting, depending on the pitcher," she said. "My biggest challenge is

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Heckendorn embraces English heritage

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Like most high school seniors, Andover volleyball's John Henry Heckendorn is in the midst of choosing a college. But Heckendorn may be looking outside of the United States for his higher education.

"I've gotten into Bates and Whitman and Trinity," he said. "But I have also gotten into Durham University and Nottingham, which are in England, and the University of Aberdeen in Scotland."

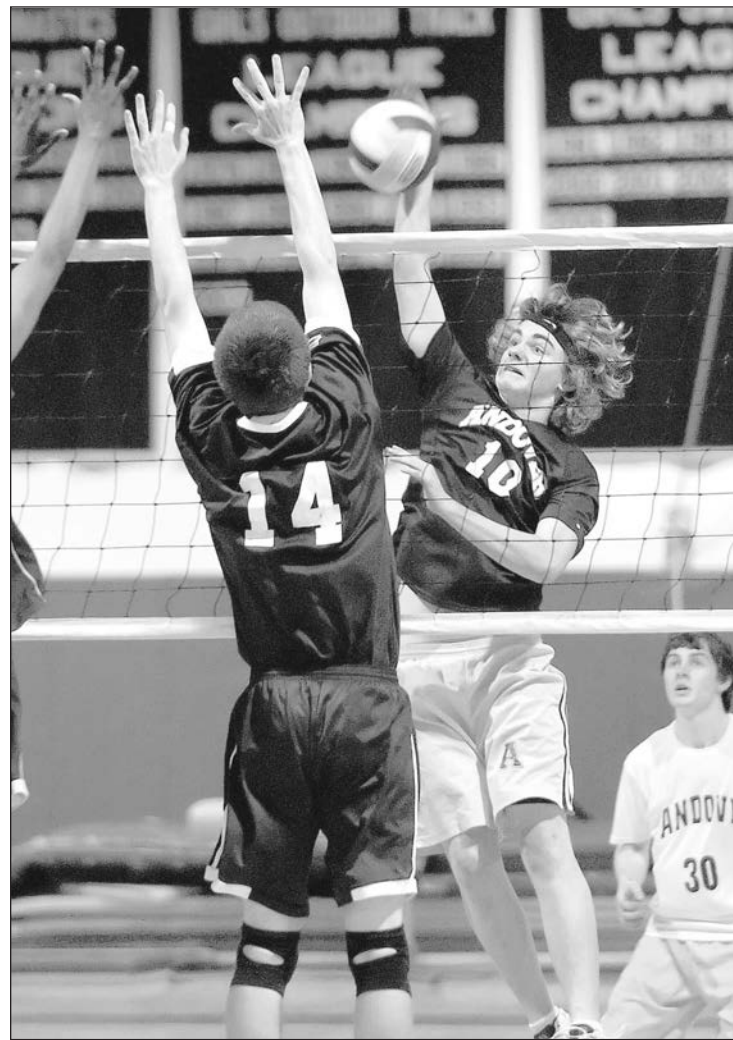
If Heckendorn chooses to attend school in England, it won't be a brand new adventure. After all, he was born there and visits the country nearly every year.

"My mother (Roselle) is from England and my father (David) is from America," he said. "They met while smuggling Bibles into the Soviet Union in the 1980s. My dad worked full-time for a Christian company on the business side and did the trips to the USSR. My mom started there as an intern, and they met through that."

They settled in England and lived there until John Henry was 7 years old, when David's company, Hewlett Packard, transferred him back to America. They moved directly into Andover and have lived there ever since.

Since entering Andover High

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File photo

Andover's John Henry Heckendorn fires down a spike last season. The senior volleyball tri-captain is weighing whether to go to college in America or his native England.

## BASEBALL

# Farnham looks to finish high school career with a bang

### VARSITY BASEBALL

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

**2007 record:** 14-8, lost in Division 1 North quarterfinals  
**Returning starters (4):** Mike Taylor, Sr., 2B; P.J. Farnham, Sr., CF; Sam Clark, Sr., 1B; John Hennessy, Soph., SS  
**Returning lettermen:** Kevin Hitchko, Sr., 3B; Zach Burdeau, Sr., P; Shawn McDermott, Sr., OF; Ryan Walsh, Sr., P; Mike Morander, Sr., C  
**Newcomers:** Eric Chu, Sr., P; Dan Gusovsky, Jr., C; Shawn Carlson, Jr., P; John Farrell, Jr., P; Robin Lowe, Jr., P; Max Nolin, Jr., SS; Erik Geffken, Jr., OF; Steve LaFortune, Jr., DH; Alex Patti, Soph., OF; C.J. Leary, Soph., C;

George Flanagan, Jr., OF  
**Candidates in all grades:** 150  
**Captains:** P.J. Farnham, Mike Taylor, Sam Clark  
**Returning leaders:** P.J. Farnham, .324, 18 runs, 13 RBIs; Mike Taylor, .382, 12 runs, 20 RBIs; Sam Clark, .323, 13 runs, 14 RBIs; John Hennessy, 47 putouts, 44 assists.  
**Returning honorees:** P.J. Farnham, All-MVC  
**Head coach:** Ken Maglio (16th year, 223-116)  
**Assistants:** Kevin Rourke, varsity assistant; Kevin Shepard, pitching coach; Dan Grams, JV; Rich Robinson, Frosh.  
**Opener:** Hosts Cambridge today, April 10

While most of his teammates were warming up for the season with batting practice at local indoor baseball facilities, Andover's P.J. Farnham was preparing at a more high-profile location.

"I got to take batting practice down at the Red Sox (spring training) facility in Fort Myers," said Farnham. "It was amazing to be on the same field that the Red Sox use."

During a trip to Florida, Farnham's father, Paul, arranged for his son to hit with some of the Boston minor leaguers with the help of Andover resi-

dent and ESPN scout Dave Geaslen.

Back in Andover, the three-year starter will now be counted upon to be one of the leaders of the team that lost nine starters from last season's team that won its fourth consecutive Merrimack Valley Conference title.

"I do feel some extra pressure," said the senior. "I want to set a good example for the younger kids. I want to have my best year as a high school player."

Last season the speedy leadoff man hit .324 with 18 runs and 13 RBIs, good for fourth on the Golden Warriors. He followed that up by hitting

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File photo

P.J. Farnham watches a hit sail to left field. The speedy outfielder is looking to make an impact in his senior season before moving on to play at Merrimack College.

## TENNIS

# Dedication earns Hoerner top spot on girls squad

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER



File photo

Andover's Hannah Hoerner slams a shot back at her opponent last year. Once unable to earn a spot on the varsity team, Hoerner is now playing No. 1 singles.

Hannah Hoerner still feels strange seeing the "No. 1" next to her name.

"I never saw myself as a No. 1 player," said Hoerner. "I always looked up to the No. 1's like Caroline Koch and Hannah Zarkar. I never really thought I measured up."

Now a senior, it has been a long journey for Hoerner to the top spot in Andover tennis, from her humble beginnings on the JV team as a freshman.

"We had 20 girls on the team when I was a freshman and I wasn't even close to the top seven (varsity) spots," she said. "I worked very hard during that off-season, and everything seemed to click when I got back. Coach put me in at third singles, and I battled and won."

Her rapid improvement also had a noticeable effect on the team.

"She really worked on her game and bypassed a lot of formally stronger upperclassmen,"

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File photo

Phil Johnson returns a shot against North Andover. An All-Scholastic doubles player last season, Johnson will play only singles this year.

# Johnson ready to play singles

BY DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

But during the season, he felt the urge to play singles. He won a challenge match against a standing singles player, and switched between No. 2 singles and doubles the rest of the way. But this season, he will be on his own.

"I feel confident about playing singles," he said. "I switched off last season, and this year I wanted to have something more concrete, not wondering."

The move is nothing simple. Johnson said the two positions offer very different challenges.

"They are completely different games," he said. "On doubles, you have to come up to the net and vol-

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## FARNHAM: Will play ball at Merrimack

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.417 with 27 runs and 18 RBIs for the Andover American Legion squad.

During the winter he worked on his speed by participating in indoor track, which he felt was necessary after sitting out the family sport, football. His father, two uncles and cousin were All-American receivers as Brown.

"I just lost interest in football," he said. "My grades were suffering, and I knew I wasn't going to play football in college. I wanted to focus on baseball and my grades."

"It was hard because I went to some of the football games and watching them throw the ball and knew that could have been me having a good season. But I don't know if I would have gotten into Merrimack without getting my grades up."

Farnham does not have to worry about college, since he has already signed a scholarship to play baseball down the road at Merrimack College. He said his scholarship is with 80 percent of his college expenses.

But for now, he is focusing on the challenges of the new season, including moving from right to center field to replace three-time All-Scholastic Dan Godefroi, now an outfielder/pitcher at Georgetown University.

"I have had a limited amount of time in center," he said. "It's a different angle off the bat and you have to cover more ground. But I have to be confident and coach (Ken) Maglio said I am the only person he would want to replace Godefroi."

## HECKENDORN: Versatility key to 6-foot-1 senior's game

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School, the 6-foot-1 Heckendorn has turned into a standout volleyball player.

"He has so much versatility," said Golden Warriors coach Bill McCarthy. "He can play on the right or on the left. He can set, he can hit and he can play defense."

Last season, Heckendorn recorded 53 kills while hitting at 75 percent. He has served at 90 percent and was at 70 percent on defense while playing all over the court.

He entered this season expecting to play outside hitter, but McCarthy switched him to right front during the preseason.

"Coach thought I was a better blocker and could set at that position," said Heckendorn, who is

currently nursing a broken ankle he suffered in gym class. "I really enjoy hitting and find it easier to hit there."

Heckendorn is also a standout in the classroom. He scored a 2,180 on his three-part SATs (800 reading, 740 writing, 640 math). He believes he is in the top 15 to 20 percent of his class, and has scored As or Bs in three AP classes and two more AP-equivalent classes.

He now faces the challenge of choosing in which country he will continue his education.

"The two countries have very different college systems that both have advantages," he said. "I also recently got back in contact with an old friend from England, and we are talking about going to South America this summer."

## YU: Catcher relays on speed when at the plate

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### SOFTBALL

**2007 record:** 8-12, didn't make state tourney

**Returning starters (5):** Kerry McCarthy, Jr., 1B; Tricia Martin, Sr., 2B; Nina Yu, Sr., C; Rachel Licciardi, Sr., SS; Alex Strock, Jr., 3B

**Returning lettermen:** Kathleen Cheney, Sr., P; Jeanette Doucette, Jr., INF; Megan Pettoruto, Jr., OF

**Promising newcomers:** Meaghan McCarthy, Jr., INF/OF; Ashley Coffey, Jr., OF; Heather Paonessa, Jr., OF; Karissa Buccia, Jr., INF; Joanna Robie, Soph., P; Katie Kucharski, Soph., 1B/OF; Tameka Geaslen, Soph., OF

**Candidates in all grades:** 60

**Captains:** Tricia Martin, Nina Yu

**Returning honorees:** none

**Head coach:** Stephanie Ragucci (12th year, 118-114)

**Assistants:** Steve Tisbert; Betty Iannuccielli, JV; Ben Gibson, Frosh.

**Opener:** lost to Amesbury, 10-3.

the throw-down (to second base). I am working on strengthening my arm and my throws."

She also has the added pressure of knowing the opponents so she can choose what her pitcher should throw.

"Our coach doesn't call games," Yu said. "The catcher does. I have to remember what the batter did in her last at-bat or in the last game. And I have to know every situation. It's a lot of responsibility."

But despite the new challenge and the physical side-effects, the senior co-captain is

excited about the new opportunity.

"The outfield got kind of boring," said Yu. "I love catching and I love being involved in every play. Outfield was a nice break, but once I started catching again I really missed it."

The speedster is also the Golden Warriors' leadoff hitter, and was a member of the field hockey team. She is also a standout student, as a member of the National Honor Society.

"She's the kind of player every coach wants on their team," said Ragucci. "She does the little things, never complains and really leads her team."

## HOERNER: Came from nowhere to number one player

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said Betty Gee, mother of last year's No. 1 Caroline Koch. "That drove the whole team to lift their games over the season to keep their starting sports. She has been a key member of the team."

Hoerner moved up to No. 2 singles last season and helped the Golden Warriors take home the program's first Division 1 state title.

"Last year was amazing," said Hoerner. "Every year we kept getting better, and finally last year we did it. We put it all together."

The Warriors graduated five seniors from last year's team, including Eagle-Tribune All-Stars Koch, Rikki Sartor and Kristina

*Hoerner moved up to No. 2 singles last season and helped the Golden Warriors take home the program's first Division 1 state title.*

Black. So Hoerner is now trying to pass what she believed made last year's team special to this team.

"Last year we had a very close team," she said. "Tennis is an individual sport, but we were close. This year we want to have the same thing with new people. We involve the younger kids in deci-

### GIRLS TENNIS

**Returning lettermen:** Hannah Hoerner, Sr.; Stacey Saba, Sr.; Athena Lynch, Sr.; Satin Zarkar, Jr.

**Newcomers:** Megan Mahesh, Sr.; Willemijn Huizing, Sr.; Rachel Trotta, Jr.; Jackie Collins, Jr.; Philine Huizing, Soph.; Kirsten Arvidson, Soph.; Michelle Krupnik, Frosh.; Rachel Ochs, Frosh.; Kelsey Chapman, Frosh.; Reid Campbell, Frosh.; Lizzie Carroll, Frosh.; Maggie Carter, Frosh.

**Candidates in all grades:** 16

**Captains:** Hannah Hoerner, Athena Lynch, Megan Mahesh

**Opener:** at Haverhill April 9, 3:30 p.m.

**Coach:** Jen Griffin (2nd year)

sion making and we never leave anyone out of the conversation. I think that is very important."

Hoerner also plays in tournament and works out at the Willows Racquet and Fitness Center in North Andover. She noted her serve and backhand as

her key weapons.

She plans to continue her tennis career past high school. A member of the National Honor Society, she will be attending Bowdoin next year, and has already spoken to the coach about playing.

## JOHNSON: Named All-Scholastic last season

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ley. Singles is about consistency. I'm good at volleying, so I found the move easier.

"I enjoyed playing doubles. Working with a teammate is fun. You have someone to talk to after making a mistake. In singles you are out there by yourself. But I am excited."

Longtime head coach Mike Wartman is confident the move will go seamlessly.

"Phil is a very versatile player," he said. "He really moves the ball well. He's also a patient player. He controls the ball and places it well. He anticipates and covers the court."

Johnson believed he is in the top 12 percent of his class, and scored a 710 on math and 660 in writing on the SATs. He has already been accepted to Boston College and Bates, and is currently on the waiting list at Dartmouth.

He plans to play tennis if he chooses Division 3 Bates, and is considering walking on if he attends Division 1 Boston College or Dartmouth.

### BOYS TENNIS

**Returning lettermen:** Jason Lasser, Sr.; Phil Johnson, Sr.; Josh Mack, Sr.; Adam Trotta, Sr.; Eric Heath, Jr.; B.J. Merinder, Soph.; Shane Huggins, Soph.; Nitin Mahesh, Soph.; Randy Sartor, Soph.

**Newcomers:** Zach DeLuca, Soph.; Andrew Gray, Soph.; Andrew Mack, Soph.; Evan Birenbaum, Frosh.; Alex Kutchin, Frosh.; Christian Waters, Frosh.; Injoong Yoon, Soph.

**Candidates in all grades:** 21

**Captains:** Adam Trotta, TBA

**Returning honorees:** Phil Johnson

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**Opener:** at Haverhill April 9, 3:30 p.m.

**Coach:** Mike Wartman (23rd year)

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**Baseball**  
April 10.....Cambridge.....3:45 p.m.  
April 14.....Chelmsford.....3:30 p.m.  
April 16.....Dracut.....3:30 p.m.

**Softball**  
April 11.....Central Catholic.....3:30 p.m.  
April 14.....Chelmsford.....3:30 p.m.  
April 16.....Lawrence.....4:15 p.m.

**Boys Lacrosse**  
April 12.....at Beverly.....4 p.m.  
April 15.....at Central Catholic.....4 p.m.

**Girls Lacrosse**  
April 11.....Masconomet.....7:30 p.m.  
April 14.....Lowell.....7:30 p.m.  
April 17.....at Framingham.....4 p.m.

**Boys Tennis**  
April 11.....at Billerica.....3:30 p.m.  
April 14.....Chelmsford.....3:30 p.m.  
April 16.....at Lawrence.....4 p.m.

**Girls Tennis**  
April 11.....Tewksbury.....3:30 p.m.  
April 14.....at Chelmsford.....3:30 p.m.

**Boys Track**  
April 16.....Haverhill.....3:30 p.m.

**Girls Track**  
April 16.....Haverhill.....3:30 p.m.

**Volleyball**  
April 11.....Haverhill.....6 p.m.  
April 14.....St. John's Prep.....6 p.m.  
April 16.....at Lawrence.....7 p.m.

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— Bethany Bray

**Familiar face steps into assistant principal position**

Deb Downs, special education program adviser at West Middle School, has been promoted to assistant principal there. Becky Franks has stepped in to Downs' old job, as interim special education adviser.

West Middle School Principal Denise Holmes retired after the first half of this school year, and then-assistant principal Steve Murray was promoted to principal in January, leaving the assistant position open.

— Bethany Bray

**Shawsheen still counting collection of plush toys**

Andover will know next week if it has a world record holder in its midst.

On March 14, students at Shawsheen School began a drive to break the Guinness World Record for "the largest gathering of plush toys." The drive ended on April 2, and organizers are still sorting through the mountains of stuffed animals students collected from the community. The collection long outgrew the school's storage space and several mothers are temporarily housing stuffed animals in their basements.

Shawsheen collects stuffed animals each spring for PALS, an after-school tutoring partnership in Lawrence involving Phillips Academy, Andover High School and Lawrence middle schools. This year the school decided to go for the current record in the Guinness book of 2,304 plush toys collected at one time.

Andover police Chief Brian Pattullo and School Committee member Debra Silberstein will serve as Guinness Book "judges" on April 11 and will count and document each stuffed animal. The potentially record-breaking results will be announced at the school April 14.

— Bethany Bray

**Shhhhhh!**

NASA researcher and town native Dr. Suzanne Young told the kids at High Plain Elementary School has photographs —



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Shawsheen School students hope to collect enough stuffed animals in their annual toy drive to break the Guinness World Record for the largest collection of stuffed animals, more than 2,000. Shown are: from left, front row, Jack Rickards, Jason Vitale, Josh Combs, Kate Gregory, Erika Park and Jack Murray; back row, Dario Tagliaferri, Emma Martin and Anielle Iwanicki. The toys will be donated to children in Belize.

top secret photographs of a spacecraft identical to the one that will land on Mars. The twin Mars Lander images shouldn't be shared because Lockheed Martin

keeps a tight rein on its space equipment. In fact, she said getting into their Boulder, Colo., site is pretty tough, even for a NASA researcher like herself.

"To get in, it's like you have to give blood, then have a passport, then maybe you'll get in," she quipped.

But NASA scientists seem to loosen up for lift-off parties. Young said they celebrated with "champagne and bagels on the beach" when the Phoenix Mars Mission successfully launched on Aug. 4 at 5:24 a.m. from Cape Canaveral, Fla. She was there.

— Judy Wakefield

**Got treasure?**

Skinner appraiser and Antiques Roadshow regular Stuart Whitehurst will be on hand at the Andover Historical Society's "What's It Worth?" Antiques Appraisal Event Friday, April 18, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The event will be held in the St. Augustine Parish Hall at 43 Essex St.

The evening will start with a short talk by Whitehurst, "Fakes Live Among Us, Beware!" Whitehurst will bring examples of genuine and fake items to illustrate his talk. Following his talk, he'll appraise items for people. Guests may bring one item to be appraised or just come to listen and enjoy while the treasures are discussed and appraised. Tickets for the event are \$25 for Andover Historical Society members and \$30 for nonmembers. Coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments will not be appraised at this event. To register for the event, call the Historical Society 978-475-2236.

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